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#### **States**

Plot to kill Bush: A man accused of plotting with al-Qaida to assassi-nate President Bush has admitted his guilt on numerous occasions, an FBI agent testified Tuesday.

Ahmed Omar Abu Ali, 23, admitted "multiple times" that he joined al-Qaida while studying overseas in Saudi Arabia and discussed plans with the terrorist network to assassinate Bush, FBI agent Barry Cole said.

Abu Ali also discussed killing U.S. congressmen, soldiers and blowing up naval ships in American ports, Cole said. He said Abu Ali's confessions are corroborated by an al-Qaida cell leader in Saudi Arabia who

surrendered to authorities. Abu Ali, a U.S. citizen who grew up in Falls Church, Va., is charged with conspiring with al-Oaida to kill the president.

Judge: Charge or free Padilla: In a stinging rebuke to the Bush administration, a federal judge in Spartanburg, S.C., ruled the case of "dirty bomb" suspect Jose Padilla is a matter for law enforcement - not the military - and ordered the government to charge him or let him go.

Padilla's more than 21/2 years in custody, most of it spent in a Navy brig. don't seem closer to an end, however, because Justice Department spokesman John Nowacki said

the government will appeal.

The government views Padilla as a militant who planned attacks on the United

Brain-damaged woman: The parents of Terri Schiavo asked a judge in Tampa, Fla. to allow the severely brain-damaged woman to divorce her husband — even if she dies — in one of a flurry of 11 new motions filed by the couple.

In the divorce motion filed Monday, Bob and Mary Schindler accused Michael Schia-vo of adultery and not acting in his wife's best interests. The Schindlers have less than three weeks to find a way to keep their daughter alive before her feeding tube is removed.

Botulism poisoning probe: A Florida doc-tor who's recovering from botulism poisoning rolled a walker into court to face fraud charges for allegedly buying and selling the raw toxin in place of the wrinkle treatment

Bach McComb is accused of paralyzing himself and three others by injecting a po tent, unapproved form of the botulism poi-son at an Oakland Park clinic last November instead of the costlier licensed drug

McComb went to New Jersey for the

Thanksgiving holiday in November and was nospitalized there, then returned to South Florida to face the federal indictment.

#### World

Southern Thailand violence: The Thai government has dropped a proposal to cut off funding for southern villages considered sympathetic to Muslim insurgents, an army commander said Tuesday, following criticism that the policy would only prompt further violence in the area

Prime Minister Thaksin Shinawatra an nounced the plan last month for so-called "red zone" villages in the largely Muslim provinces near Malaysia, over concerns the development money could be used to buy weapons to carry out attacks.

Israel car bomb: An Islamic Jihad militant told Israeli interrogators his group planned to detonate a large car bomb near Israeli targets, security officials said Tues day, after troops discovered a vehicle packed with half a ton of explosives in the West Bank, the largest bomb found in four years of fighting.

The militant, Jibril Zubevdi, is the brother of a prominent militant leader in the West Bank town of Jenin, Zakariye Zubeydi, security officials said. Jibril Zubeydi, an Islamic Jihad member, was arrested two months ago

Alleged sex abuse by peacekeepers: A United Nations report on sex abuse by U.N. peacekeepers will propose that suspects face court-martial in the country where the allegations against them were made, a U.N.

official said

The idea is one of several being put forward as the world body confronts wide-spread allegations the U.N. peacekeepers in Congo and elsewhere had exploited the very people they were meant to protect.

They are accused off committed sexual crimes that include raping children, some as young as 13, and hiring prostitutes.

North Korea ship ban: Most North Korean ships will be barred from Japanese ports under a law that took effect Tuesday, a move that will slash trade as Tokyo ratchets up pressure on the impoverished communist country over a decades-old kidnanning dispute

The law requires all foreign ships over 100 tons to be insured against oil spills, losses and other damage to enter Japan. Few North Korean ships are believed to meet the requirement, and some are billing the measure as economic sanctions in disguise.

Lebanon new government: Hundreds of protesters blowing whistles and chanting anti-Syrian slogans returned to central Beirut on Tuesday after forcing out the pro-Damascus prime minister, and Lebanon's president sought candidates for a new government.

About 400 people marched through downtown demanding the resignation of pro-Syrian President Emile Lahoud and the withdrawal of Syrian soldiers. On Monday, 25,000 flag-waving demonstrators demanded - and got -- Prime Minister Omar Karami's resignation.

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# 7th Fleet: Stepped-up drug testing working

By JULIANA GITTLEF Stars and Stripes

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE, Japan - In the aftermath of a major drug bust involving sailors from a 7th Fleet ship last year, Navy leaders came up with a new approach to drug

The fleet already used random urinalysis to detect drugs. Being overseas, where any crime can stain U.S.-host nation relations, the fleet tested more sailors than the Navy re-

But, investigators learned, the random tests were more predictable than they expected. Sailors were guessing patterns to predict when testing was less likely. Others bought products over the Internet that promised to flush their system and reduce the likelihood

After the drug bust, officials decided to crack down and make random testing truly

"That ship probably saved us many sailors," said 7th Fleet Command Master Chief Ashley Smith. "A bad thing was beneficial."

Gone are the days of groups being tested at predictable times such as in the morning or early in the month, officials say. Sailors now are notified at any time that their number is up — tests can be done throughout the day, in the evening or on weekends - and are led directly to a testing place where an observer makes sure nothing but urine enters the bot-

"There's no chance for anybody to introduce anything" into the sample, he said. "We're sending the signal: 'You never know when I'm going to tell you to go do urinalysis.'

The Navy began a zero-tolerance program about 25 years ago that dictates any drug use is grounds for a discharge

In addition to urinalysis, the Navy combats drug use with educational programs to deglamorize drugs and show the negative physi-

#### Positive results

Even as the Navy increases the numbers of sailors tested for drugs in the 7th Fleet, the numbers testing positive have declined, officials say.

In fiscal year 2002 there were 111 positives; in 2003 there were 82; in 2004 there were 51. Projected out from the first quarter, fiscal 2005 will have 44

Among those busted, the most common drug detected is marijuana, which appears about five times more often than other drugs, said Chief Petty Officer Ernest Woodruff, the fleet alcohol and drug control officer. There has been a steady increase in designer drugs such as MDMA, or Ecstasy,

Those busted are most often young, first-term enlisted sailors, although they come from any job or background.

Positive test results are found most often after a ship has returned to home port for a few weeks, not after stops in countries where drug use is common. Woodruff said.

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cal and mental consequences of drug use, said Chief Petty Officer Ernest Woodruff, the fleet alcohol and drug control officer.

But fear of getting caught is most effective, he said.

"If they're using drugs, they're going to get caught," he said. "There is no room in today's Navy for people who use drugs. We have learned that the best detection is an aggressive urinalysis program."

In fiscal year 2004, which ended in October, the fleet tested 28 percent of its sailors each month. The Navy requires only 10 percent to be checked, Woodruff said.

In the first quarter of the current year, after the drug busts last year, the testing rate rose to 33 percent each month.

Newcomers entering a command are tested quickly, and entire units can be tested en masse up to five times a year, said Chief Petty Officer Kevin D. Fuller, urinalysis program coordinator for the 7th Fleet staff aboard the

Despite the greater numbers tested, the numbers testing positive have dropped — an encouraging sign, Woodruff said (see accompanying box)

The urinalysis detects any drug on the Drug Enforcement Administration's highest controlled-substance list. It also is a launching point for investigators. When one sailor comes up positive, investigators will question his or her friends and colleagues. One positive can lead to several arrests.

Navy investigators have become more proactive since the cases last year. Investigators already search ships for drugs; they now look for products associated with drug use, such as herbs that claim to fool urine tests, Smith said.

"We learned that sailors had access to a lot of products on the Internet," he said.

The testing process also is more carefully controlled now, Fuller said. After a computer generates a random list of names, sailors selected are told almost immediately and led to the test site

They can't drink water to influence the results or sneak a substitute urine sample into the testing area. They're escorted by a master-at-arms and carefully observed providing

The strict procedures and severe approach to drug prevention is not a sign things are worse than in the past, Smith said, They're extra preventions to keep the Navy from losing its sailors.

"We don't want them to fail," he said. "If people believe they'll get caught they might decide it's not worth the chance. You don't ever know if, when you come to work, you'll have to pee in a bottle.'

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### Drug policy backed with prosecution

According to Navy spokes men and investigators, several drug cases have been prosecuted on 7th Fleet ships based in Yokosuka in the past several months.

In mid-2004, seven sailors aboard the USS Vincennes were convicted of drug viola-

Late last year, 14 sailors from the USS Chancellorsville were charged, although some of those cases are pending. One sailor was arraigned on charges of possessing using Ecstasy and the feline tranquilizer ketamine, obstructing justice and intimidating a witness. He will be tried in a court-martial next month.

This year, seven sailors as-signed to the USS Kitty Hawk were charged with drug possession. Six were reduced in rank, received 45 days of restriction and extra duties and forfeited half a month's pay for two months. One sailor received 12 months' confinement, reduction in rate to E-1, forfeiture of two-thirds pay for 12 months and a bad-conduct discharge.

Japanese police also have made some arrests, according to the Navy, but have not formally turned the cases over to Navy investigators or charged the individuals.

There are more than 12,000 sailors assigned to the fleet. Navy officials say.

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# 31st MEU troops on way home after 6 months in Iraq

Stars and Stripes

Marines and sailors of the Okinawa-based 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit boarded three ships of the Sasebo, Japanbased USS Essex Amphibious Readiness Group and began their voyage home from the Middle East on Monday.

The trip back to Okinawa will take about four weeks, according to a 31st MEU news

The MEU's 2,200 members served in Iraq from last September to February, when the unit was assigned to the 1st Marine Division, I Marine Expeditionary Force. It was responsible primarily for conducting security and stabilization operations in the 33,000-square-mile U.S. area of operation in the Al Anbar province.

It also conducted a wide range of missions, including assistance and security for Iraq's elections, cordon and limited-scale raids against insurgents, civil affairs mis sions, border security and training of Iraqi Security Forces

Roughly 2,300 sailors make up the crews of the Essex, the USS Juneau and the USS Harpers Ferry, which left Sasebo in August to transport the Marines, along with their vehicles and equipment, to Kuwait, where the MEU disembarked before heading into Iraq. The three ships have been op-erating in the Persian Gulf since September in support of Operation Iraqi Freedom.

The Essex diverted to Indonesia in Janu-



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Marines and sailors of the 31st Marine Expeditionary Unit board a Landing Craft Utility for transport to the Essex Amphibious Ready Group on Monday in preparation for the unit's return from Iraq to its home base on Okinawa.

ary to assist in the humanitarian effort to the victims of the Dec. 26 tsunami. It returned to the Persian Gulf to pick up Marines before heading for Sasebo.

Two hundred and twenty-one Marines and sailors from the 31st MEU were wounded during the deployment, the Marine release stated, and 50 were killed, including 27 who died in the Jan 26 crash of a CH-53E helicopter near Ar Rutbah.

The MEU is composed of a ground combat element, Battalion Landing Team, 1st

Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment (which lost the 27 in the crash); an aviation combat element. Marine Medium Heliconter Squadron 265 (Reinforced); a service support element, MEU Service Support Group 31; and the MEU command element. All are based on Okinawa except the 1st Battalion, 3rd Marine Regiment. The 900 members of that battalion are based at Kaneohe Bay, Hawaii, and are due to return there from Okinawa in April.

"The 31st MEU is looking forward to returning to Okinawa," spokesman Capt. Burrell D. Parmer stated in the release. "Although we are preparing to head home for a much-deserved rest and to share time missed with our loved ones, we must continue to be ready to serve as America's 911 force in the western Pacific."

The 31st MEU's commanding officer, Col. W. Lee Miller, praised the unit for its performance while in Iraq.

"The Marines and sailors of the 31st MEU have carved their names into the his-tory books," Miller stated in a Feb. 28 release. "I could not be any prouder to have led them during Operation Iraqi Freedom and in supporting Iraq's first free elections. The continuous cycles of training in the Asia-Pacific region had prepared us for such an operation and the MEU completed its tasks successfully."

# Army to put 19,000 E-4s on promotion list

BY LISA BURGESS

Stars and Strings

ARLINGTON, Va. - The Army has a shortage of active-duty sergeants and a

plan to fix the problem On Thursday, 19,000 qualified corporals specialists will automatically be placed on the promotion list for sergeant, instead of having to wait for a commander to recommend them for advancement to

that rank Army leaders decided to change the way soldiers reach the noncommissioned officer ranks because of a chronic shortage, according to retired Sgt. Maj. Gerald Purcell,

the Army's personnel policy integrator for enlisted professional development.

The Army currently needs about 1,500 more sergeants from 31 specialties. Purcell said the reasons for the sergeant shortage include an "insatiable appetite" for E-5s due to the ongoing active-duty end-strength increase of 30,000 soldiers. At the same time, "the number of eligihave dwindled to the point where we can't fill all the sergeant requirements," Purcell said Tuesday

Advancement through the pay grades E-1 (private) through E-4 (corporal or specialist) is automatic, based on time in ser-

vice and time in grade.

The Army also has a minimum require ment for promotion to E-5, or sergeant, and entry into the ranks of noncommissioned officers, or NCOs, who have leader-

ship roles That minimum is 48 months in service and 12 months in grade, and an absence of

negatives in their personnel record. But until now, soldiers who hoped to move to the E-5 level also needed a commander's recommendation to go before a promotions board of senior NCOs.

If the board approves the recon tion, soldiers are awarded points for a vari-ety of skills and achievements. The minimum number of points a soldier needs to qualify for promotion to E-5 is 350, while the maximum score is 800

The higher the total score, the more likely an E-4 is to get one of the sergeant slots, whose number varies each month and by Military Occupational Specialty.

But commanders are recommending only 10 percent of all eligible soldiers, Purcell said

The problem, he said, is that many unit commanders believe that soldiers should meet higher standards than the Army's minimum before they are ready to assume leadership duties.

"The notion that you have to be fully ready to be a sergeant is a bad notion," Pur cell said. "I'll tell you, if that were true, I'd never have been promoted.

The new policy, which begins Thursday, "is really is a forcing mechanism to get soldiers in a promotable status to satisfy requirements, but it keeps the chain of command fully involved in that entire process," Purcell said.

From now on, soldiers will automatically be placed on the E-5 promotion list, with a score of 350 points, as long as they meet the minimum requirements.

That means 19,000 active-duty soldiers who otherwise would not have been eligible for sergeant's stripes will go on the

March list, Purcell said. But that does not mean those 19,000 troops will get promoted.

Unit commanders will get a copy of the new list, and will have 15 days to strike any of their soldiers they believe should not be promoted, Purcell said,

Even if they stay on the list, those soldiers who made it automatically are limit-ed to 350 points, which in most MOSs is nowhere near enough to be competitive, Pur-

If soldiers want a higher score, they have to go through the normal board process, Purcell said.

But for MOSs with severe shortages, soldiers with 350 points could be promoted. For a list of the first MOSs to be affected by the new policy, go to www.stripes.com.

# Girl Scout leader, volunteers honored

BY JULIANA GITTLER Stars and Stripes

A Kanto-area scout leader and two troops earned national Girl Scouts awards in February at the 2005 Girl Scouts Overseas-Western Pacific Winter Conference in Tokvo.

Zama chairwoman Cindy Streeton earned the Appreciation Pin, a national Girl Scout organization award that recognizes individuals who exceed expectations for the positions they hold, according to a Girl Scouts press

According to the organization, Streeton earned the Appreciation Pin by motivating volunteers and serving as a positive role model for Scouts.

She upheld the Girl Scout Promise and Law and fostered a better

A USS Kitty Hawk sailor was believed to be

in police custody in Hong Kong on Tuesday.

accused of assaulting a police officer and a

Navy officials in Hong Kong confirmed that

a sailor is in custody but said they could not

provide information on the charges or inci-

dent. Officials at the U.S. Consulate said the

taxi driver Saturday during a port visit.

relationship with Japanese sister

Streeton manages six troops at Camp Zama

The overseas committees at Camp Zama and Yokota Air Base both earned President's Awards recognizing the group achieve-

The overseas committees consist of volunteers who manage a group at a base or installation.

This was the first time the Pres ident's Award was issued in the Western Pacific region, according to a Scout press release.

To earn the award, the volunteers helped their chapters reach or surpass certain membership goals and retained three-fourths of the volunteer leaders who did not transfer

The organization's board of di rectors chooses the winners



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Girl Scouts Dana Hughes, Nichole Mullis and Kyle Henry from Troop 60 in Osan, South Korea, stroll down Takashita Street in Harajuku, Japan, during a "Girls' Night Out" on Feb. 18. The Girl Scouts were in Japan attending seminars and workshops during the Annual Girl Scout Winter Training Conference in Tokyo.

The honors were handed out at the group's Winter Conference, a convention that focuses on career development, stress management and other life skills

About 200 participants attended from military bases around the region

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CAMP ZAMA, Japan - Adventurers from around the Kanto Plain are invited to an Adventure Fair at Camp Zama from 10 a.m. to 4 p.m. Saturday

The fair, spread throughout the Zama Community Club, will include information booths, food, special events and prizes from base and local organizations, including Japan Underwater Ex-

Call the club at DSN 263-4133 for more information

#### Young photogs contest

YOKOSUKA NAVAL BASE. Japan - Budding photographers will display their work at the ImageMaker National Photography Exhibit from 6 to 8 p.m. Friday in the School-Age Care Center, Building H-20.

Works of young photographers from Yokosuka, Negishi and Ikego will be judged. Winners of the local contest, sponsored by the Boys & Girls Clubs of America, will move up to an Asian regional competition and a national competition at the Boys & Girls Clubs of America headquarters in Atlanta

#### St. Patrick's parade

CAMP ZAMA, Japan -U.S. Army Japan band will perform as part of the Yokohama St. Patrick's Day Parade on March

The parade will run from 1 to 7 p.m. in Motomachi, Yokohama, Call DSN 263-5709 for more in-

out how.



can in Hong Kong and is afforded privacy unless he signs a privacy act waiver According to Chinese news sources, the sail-

or hit a taxi driver and a police officer during a drunken argument Saturday morning.

face the charges. The court can decide wheth-

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The Xinhua news agency reported that the 7-year-old sailor will be brought to court to

er to turn him over to the Navy for prosecution or prosecute him itself.

The Yokosuka-based aircraft carrier, with some 5,500 people aboard, and the USS Cowsonie 3,300 people abodat, and the CoS Cow-pens, part of the Kitty Hawk Strike Group, ar-rived at Hong Kong on Friday for a port call. In March 2004, a Kitty Hawk sailor died during a visit to Hong Kong. The sailor's

death was blamed in part on alcohol, officials





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# **Group claims responsibility for Hillah attack**

HILLAH, Iraq — An Internet statement purportedly by Abu Musab al-Zarqawi's al-Qaida in Iraq group claimed responsibil ity for the Hillah suicide bombing that killed at least 125 people, the single deadliest attack of its kind since the fall of Saddam Hussein

It did not mention a medical clinic where the recruits had gathered when the suicide car bomber blew himself up or a nearby market where a number of people were also killed

It was not immediately possible to verify the authenticity of the statement. The claim, however, was posted on the Web site that has previously carried al-Oaida statements. The statement was also posted under the name of Abu Maysara al-Iraqi, the designated media coordinator of Abu Musab al-Zargawi, the leader of al-Qaida in Iraq.

In Hillah, hundreds of people inspected corpses at a hospital morgue on Tuesday. trying to identify friends and family who died in a suicide bombing.

Babil province police said another five people had succumbed to their injuries, bringing the number of people who died from wounds to 10. Hospital officials said more than 141 others were wounded in the blast, which targeted mostly Shiite police and National Guard recruits lined up for

physical exams at a medical clinic.

Monday's bombing in Hillah presented

the boldest challenge yet to Iraq's efforts to build a security force that can take over from the Americans.

More than 2,000 people held an im-promptu demonstration on front of the medical clinic where the blast occurred.

They chanted "no to terrorism" and de manded that interim Prime Minister Ayad Allawi step down.

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# U.S. report criticizes Iraq government for human rights abuse

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - Serious human rights abuses occurred under the interim Iraqi government installed by the United States after the overthrow of Saddam Hussein, including torture, illegal detention by police and forced confessions, according to a State Department report.

Though the interim government did reverse "a long legacy of serious human rights abuses under Saddam, the report said that "corruption at all levels of government remained a problem" during the period and Iraqis continued to be victimized by police courts and others in authori-

Iraqi officials were correcting these practices, the report said. It said the January elections and continuing struggle against insurgent violence had helped "create momentum for the improvement of human rights practices."

The report, in which the State Department assesses the state of an rights around the world. said that tens of thousands of peonle across the world suffered last vear at the hands of repressive governments, some of them like Iraq - friendly to the United

Under the interim Iraq government, there were reports of local police and other government agents killing members of Saddam's Baath Party, a mother and daughter accused of prostitution and kidnappers of police officers, the State Department noted. It cited a report by Human Rights Watch that said "torture and ill treatment of detainees by police was commonplace."

The report, released Monday, did not address incidents in Iraq in which Americans were involved, such as the abuse of prisoners at Abu Ghraib.

Overall, the findings were similar to those in three decades of annual human rights reports to Con-

"Freedom and the ability to choose one's government still elude many people and many portions of the globe." Undersecretary of State Paula Dobriansky

#### Three-star general to take over Gitmo investigation

SAN JUAN, Puerto Rico - The U.S. military appointed a three-star general to lead an investigation into abuse allegations at the U.S. prison camp at Guantanamo Bay, clearing the way for investigators to ques-tion a two-star general who once commanded the camp.

Air Force Lt. Gen. Randall M. Schmidt takes over for Brig. Gen. John Furlow, according to the U.S. Southern Command in Miami, which oversees the camp in eastern Cuba.

The move would allow Schmidt to question Maj. Gen. Geoffrey D Miller, a two-star general who commanded the camp during many of the incidents detailed in recently released FBI memos that complain of "aggressive" interrogation techniques. Miller was in Guantanamo from October 2002 to March 2004 and was sent there to get more information from terror suspects.

U.S. military regulations require that an investigating officer must outrank anyone who is interviewed. Furlow requested that a more senior officer be appointe



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#### Japan suicide probe

TOKYO - Seven bodies have been found in two cars in northern Japan, in what police susp ed Tuesday were the country's latest group suicides.

Four people were found at an isolated mountainside parking lot in Nikko by police Monday night, Tochigi prefectural police spokes-man Shinichi Hirai said.

A second car was found early Tuesday with the bodies of three people in Ninomiya city, about 31 miles southeast of Nikko

Police found a suicide note indicating that they met over the Internet before committing suicide together, Kawakami said.

Charcoal stoves were found inside both vehicles and the windows were sealed shut with tane All seven appeared to have died of carbon monoxide poisoning.

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# Vatican reports pontiff able to speak

doctrine. "I am happy to

say that the Holy Father

is fully alert mentally and also able to say the

essential things with his

Ratzinger did not elab-

orate on what the pope

said or how long he

reporters

BY BRIAN MURPHY The Associated Press

VATICAN CITY - Pope John Paul II managed to speak in two languages with a top Vatican official Tuesday in the first clear sign the pontiff was regaining his voice after

throat surgery. The meeting with Cardinal Joseph Ratzinger reinforced Vatican statements that the 84-year-old pope was making strides through vocal and respiratory therapy less than a

week after receiving a breathing tube.

It also sent a message that John Paul may remain fully engaged in important church affairs from his 10th-floor suite at Rome's Ge-

melli Polyclinic hospital. The pope spoke with me in German and in said Ratzinger, a German who runs



spoke, but his rare meetinσ with strengthened the image the Vatican is putting for-

ward: The pope is rebounding and remains in control "He is well. His condition is improving," papal spokesman Joaquin Navarro-Valls told Doctors had told the pope to rest his voice for several days after the Thursday surgery. He is now undergoing daily therapy to learn

to breathe and speak with the tube.

The Vatican canceled the pope's Wednesday general audience, but there's been no decision yet on whether the pope will appear again on Sunday. The Rome daily Il Messag-

gero reported that the pope hopes to say "Gra-zie," or "Thank you," at Sunday's prayers. The Vatican has offered few precise details on the pope's condition or given any idea when he might be able to leave the hospital. But it appears likely his current hospitaliza-tion will be longer than the last: 10 days of treatment at Gemelli for breathing problems

that began exactly a month ago, Feb. 1. Some Italian reports suggest the pope could be under medical care until Easter



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# Moscow mayor hot over forecast errors

BY PETER FINN

The Washington Post MOSCOW - Weathermen of the world beware! The mayor of this city, where in winter - stop the presses - it tends to snow a lot, is furious that weather forecasts are sometimes inaccurate. And he has pro posed fining the weather service every

time it gets a forecast wrong. "We are paying and would like to re-ceive a quality product," thundered Mayor Yuri Luzhkov at a meeting last week of the city government during which a number of forecasters sat in the audi

"Instead of that you are giving us [exple-

The mayor's hot flash was prompted not by a failure to predict snow, but by the Moscow Weather Bureau's inability in January to say exactly when a blizzard would arrive and how much snow it would dump on the city. On Jan. 28, the city endured its heaviest snowfall since record-keeping began in the 19th century, and local public services were unable to cope

The storm snarled the city's already horrendous traffic, closed airports and forced pedestrians to wade through high drifts.

"I think it's very funny he gets so upset because we all know it snows in Moscow," said Larisa Stemkovskaya, 61, a retired engineer

"But the mayor is obsessed with weath-

Officials at the weather service, which is funded by the city, reacted coolly.

"Meteorology is a science, but meteorologists never claim a 100 nercent accurate forecast," said Alexei Lyakhov, head of the Moscow Weather Bureau, in an interview. "Punishing weather forecasters is not happening anywhere else in the world, but maybe we should think about

ing us if we also get bonuses when we get it right. And we get it right 90 to 99 per-

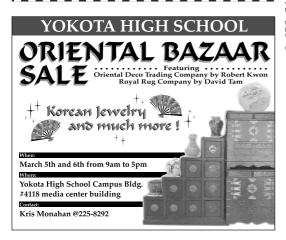
cent of the time. The mayor, however, wants perfection and has shown himself to be something of a control freak when it comes to the weath-

He created the capital's own weather service in 1999 after the country's federal agency failed to forecast a thunderstorm that knocked down trees across the city. The following year he threatened to fire forecasters when they flunked in predict ing the severity of a snowstorm. He famously accused the federal weather service of "telling lies."

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# Man survives 8 days under quake rubble

TEHRAN, Iran - In a near miraculous case of survival, a 40-year-old man whose house was destroyed by an earthquake was pulled out alive Tuesday after eight days under the rubble, the official Islamic Republic News Agency reported.

Ahmad Habibzadeh was found unable to speak under the ruins of his house in Zarand in southhospital in Kerman province, the agency said.

We reported him missing to rescue teams, who went to his destroyed house and began clearing the debris," said Mohammad Khaki, a Zarand resident.

The powerful quake of magni-tude 6.4 killed 612 and injured more than 1,400 on Feb. 22. It leveled several villages and left thousands of people homeless.

# China angered by U.S. human rights report

The Associated Press

BELIING - China on Tuesday condemned a State Department report criticizing Beijing's human rights record, saying the review was a blow to relations between the two countries

"We are very dissatisfied with this report and we protest this re-port," Chinese Foreign Ministry spokesman Liu Jianchao said.

"The United States should stop using double standards on human rights and stop interfering in the internal politics of China under the pretext of human rights."

He added: "This kind of report will do nothing good for the improvement of bilateral relations. It will do no good to improve mutual confidence in each other.'

The report, released Monday in Washington, said China continued to commit "numerous and se-rious abuses," especially against writers, religious activists, dissidents and petitioners



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# **Intel: Bin Laden** seeking to team with al-Zargawi

The Associated Press

WASHINGTON — Osama bin Laden is enlisting his top operative in Iraq, Abu Musab al-Zarqawi, to plan potential attacks on the United States, U.S. intelligence indicates.

Al-Zarqawi, who rivals bin Laden as the nation's public enemy No. 1, has been involved in attacks in the Middle East but has not been known before to have set

his sights on the United States.
The Homeland Security Department issued a classified bulletin to officials over the weekend about the intelligence, which spokesman Brian Roehrkasse described Monday as "credible but not specific.

The intelligence was obtained over the past several weeks, officials said

The United States has no immediate plans to raise its national ter-ror alert level, Roehrkasse said. However, the intelligence "reiterates the desire by al-Qaida and its associates to target the homeland," he said.

Bin Laden was in contact with al-Zarqawi within the past two months in an effort to enlist him in attacks, a U.S. official said on condition of anonymity.

The move may reflect the al-Qaida leadership's desire to in-volve al-Zargawi in activities outside Iraq, the official said. Events in Iraq, officials noted, have limited al-Zargawi's ability to undertake attacks elsewhere

Al-Zargawi is blamed for scores of attacks in Iraq and pledged allegiance to bin Laden and the al-Qaida network last year. Yet he has had differences with bin Laden, and his efforts are considered somewhat distinct from central al-Qaida operations.

Another administration official with access to the Homeland Se curity Department's bulletin said the intelligence indicates that al-Oaida has continued to encourage al-Zarqawi, who was born in Jordan, to get involved in terror ist actions against Americans out-side of Iraq — including in the United States "The intelligence continues to

be analyzed by the intelligence community and all appropriate information will be passed on to homeland security partners,' Roehrkasse said. "The department has no plans at this time to raise the threat level based on this nonspecific information.

In October, al-Zarqawi made a first-ever pledge of loyalty to bin Laden, by posting a message on a Web site. At the time, U.S. officials believed al-Zarqawi was hop ing to appeal to a larger audience.

In January 2004, Kurdish forces in Northern Iraq detained one courier, Hassan Ghul, who was carrying a letter written by al-Zarqawi to bin Laden. In it, al-Zarqawi proposed trying to start a civil war between Iraq's Sunni and Shiite Muslims.

# Justices strike down execution for youths

BY HOPE YEN The Associated Press

WASHINGTON - A closely divided Supreme Court ruled Tuesday that it's unconstitutional to execute juvenile killers, ending a practice in 19 states that has been roundly condemned by many of America's closest allies.

The 5-4 decision throws out the death sentences of 72 murderers who were under 18 when they committed their crimes and bars states from seeking to execute minors for future crimes

The executions, the court said. violate the Eighth Amendment ban on cruel and unusual punish-

"The age of 18 is the point where society draws the line for many purposes between childhood and adulthood. It is, we con-clude, the age at which the line for death eligibility ought to rest,"

Justice Anthony Kennedy wrote. The ruling continues the court's practice of narrowing the scope of the death penalty, which

justices reinstated in 1976. Executions for those 15 and younger when they committed their crimes were outlawed in 1988. Three years ago justices banned death sentences for the mentally retarded

Tuesday's ruling prevents states from making 16- and 17year-olds eligible for execution.

Juvenile offenders have been put to death in recent years in only a few other countries, including Iran, Pakistan, China and Saudi Arabia. Kennedy cited international opposition to the practice

"It is proper that we acknowl-edge the overwhelming weight of international opinion against the juvenile death penalty, resting in large part on the understanding that the instability and emotional imbalance of young people may often be a factor in the crime," he wrote.

In a dissent, Justice Antonin Scalia disputed that there is a trend and chastised his col-leagues for taking power from the

# Report blames guards for attempted prison break

BY ANDREW WELSH-HUGGINS The Associated Press

COLUMBUS, Ohio — Unnoticed by guards in one of Ohio's most secure prisons, two death row inmates built a ladder from bedsheets and rolled-up magazines. They also managed to make a tool to break through metal fences and hoard candy bars and water.

The planned prison break by convicted killers Richard Cooey and Maxwell White in February was thwarted at the last minute, when alarm bells sounded. But a report released Monday found it shouldn't have happened at all because a death row unit manage was tipped off ahead of time by an informant.

The report, released at the request of The Associated Press. said a complacent staff and "gross deficiencies" in supervision of inmates were responsible

for the Feb.
3 incident at Mansfield Correctional Institution. The report was issued by the state Department of Rehabilitation and Cor-

Department of Rehabilitation and Correction.
Cooey, 37, is on death row for raping and killing two college students in 1986. White, 39,

was convicted of killing a state highway trooper in January 1996. The inmates fashioned a 13½-foot ladder from blankets and hid it ahead of time under a pile of snow, the prison system said. The ladder's rungs were made of rolled-up magazines and newspapers.

When caught, both had water, candy bars,



Cooey port said.
The death row unit manager was tipped on Jan. 20 and Feb. 1 and told the prison's security chief both times, but the information was never passed on to

the warden, the report said.

Eleven people are being disciplined, including a warden, who will receive a letter of reprimand, Dean said.

#### Tourist dies after jumping from boat

HONOLULU — A tourist on a whale-watching cruise died Monday after jumping into the ocean about half a mile off Magic Island, authori-

The 22-year-old Japanese man leaped off the boat, the American Dream, while the tour boat was stationary, observing a pair of whales about 125 yards away, owner Dream Cruises said. He was pronounced dead at Straub Clinic & Hospital.

The man's name was being withheld until his family is notified, the company said.

One of two crew members who went into the water in an effort to save the man was slightly injured. They were in the water 10 minutes before the ship circled and picked them up.

"All of us at Dream Cruises are shocked and deeply saddened by this tragic event, and our hearts go out to this man's family," company president Mike Watson said.

#### Lighters now banned from U.S. flights, airports

WASHINGTON — Airline passengers can no longer bring cigarette lighters onto planes or in any secure areas, the Homeland Security Department announced.

Lighters were added to the prohibited items list because of the Intelligence Reform and Terrorism Prevention Act, which President Bush signed on Dec. 17.

The Transportation Security Administration, the agency charged with prohibiting dangerous items on aircraft, said Monday that lighters will be banned from planes and areas beyond security checkpoints at airrorts.

The TSA said butane, absorbed-fuel (Zippo-type), electric/battery-powered and novelty lighters were included in the ban.

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The rule will be enforced beginning April 14.

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# Man shot during 50 Cent appearance

The Associated Pres

NEW YORK — A 24-year-old Los Angeles man was shot in the leg Monday night in the lobby of a Manhattan radio station while rapper 50 Cent was making an on-air appearance there, police said.

It wasn't immediately known how badly the unidentified man was injured in Monday's shooting, which occurred at WQHT-FM, or Hot 97, on Hudson Street, police spokesman Sgt. Kevin Farrell said.

Street, police spokesman Sgt. Kevin Farrell said.

Officials said he was taken to St. Vincent's Hospital and was listed in stable condition.

Police did not know if the rapper was connected with the shooting. However, Newsday reported early Tuesday on its Web site that the shooting oc-



50 Cent

curred shortly after 10 p.m. when 50 Cent, whose real name is Curtis Jackson, announced that he was dropping his protege The Game from his hip-hop clique. G-Unit.

The victim was also said to be a member of 50 Cent's entou-

rage.
50 Cent, who was at the station promoting the Thursday release of his new album "The Massacre," was not harmed in the incident

No arrests had been made; however, police are continuing to investigate the incident.

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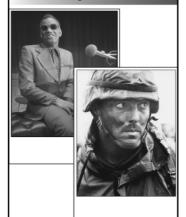
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# Michael Jackson's defense attacks case

BY TIM MOLLOY

The Associated Press

SANTA MARIA, Calif. - Authorities investigating allegations of child molestation against Michael Jackson found no DNA from his accuser when they searched the pop star's bedroom, his attorney told the jury Tuesday.

The lack of such evidence shows the molestation claims are false, Thomas Mesereau Jr. said as he continued an opening statement countering the case laid out by District Attorney Tom Sneddon on Monday

The trial was expected to move into testimony later in the day, with the prosecution calling British journalist Martin Bashir He made the documentary "Living With Michael Jackson," in which Jackson held hands with the then-13-year-old boy who eventually accused him and in which the pop star said he let children sleep in his

Bashir, who has fought the prosecution's plan to put him on the stand, arrived at court accompanied by lawyers

Mesereau also attacked the credibility of the accuser's mother and depicted the alleged victim, now 15, and his brother as troublemakers while at Jackson's Neverland ranch, where the molestation alleged-

The defense attorney also addressed allegations that Jackson showed sexually explicit images and gave alcohol to his accuser and his brother

Mesereau said the children were some times "out of control" at Neverland and read Jackson's magazines and broke into his alcohol without his permission.

"Mr. Jackson will freely admit that he does read girlie magazines from time to time," Mesereau said. "He absolutely does not show them to children.

In his opening statement, Sneddon said Jackson gave his accuser alcohol to make him more susceptible to molestation, and explicit magazines were found with the ac-

cuser's fingerprints and that one magazine had the fingerprints of Jackson and the accuser

Mesereau offered a possible explanation for that, saying Jackson once caught the boy reading his magazines and took them away and locked them in a briefcase

The boys also memorized security codes and codes used to start amusement park rides at Neverland, so they had the run of the ranch when Jackson was away and could get into Jackson's bedroom without permission, Mesereau said.

Of the alcohol allegations, Mesereau said the boys "were caught intoxicated, they were caught with bottles. Mr. Jackson was nowhere around.



# MILITARY UPDATE

# **Congress may enforce VA fees in near future**

### Enrollment expenses of \$230 will effect 2.4 million vets

epublican majorities on the House and Senate veterans' affairs committees have voted to impose an enrollment fee of at least \$230 a year on 2.4 million veterans - one of every three now eligible to use VA health care.

Those targeted are in priority categories 7 and 8, meaning they are neither poor nor suffering from service-connected disabilities. Half of the 2.4 million used the VA health system last year.

The Bush administration proposed the enrollment fee to hold down costs. The VA committees rejected another Bush proposal to raise co-payments on VA-filled prescriptions for these same Priority 7 and 8 veterans

While both committees endorsed enrollment fees, differences emerged. The Senate panel, chaired by Sen. Larry Craig, R-Idaho, embraced the Bush plan for a straight \$250 annual fee. The House committee, chaired by Rep. Steve Buyer, R-Ind., voted

to set the fee for Priority 7 enrollees at \$230, matching the enrollment fee of under-65 military retirees using Tricare Prime, the military managed care program. For Priority 8 veterans, Buyer proposes a sliding scale fee, of \$230 to \$500, depending upon in-

Both Craig and Buyer, in separate letters to their budget committees, said difficult choices have to be made this year, given a tight VA budget and the number of new veterans returning from war with severe injuries. Against that backdrop, they defended enrollment fees against the stiff criticism expected from veterans' service organizations.

"VA must garner supplemental funding from some source, and there are no easy options," Craig wrote. To critics who say \$250 is not modest for some veterans. Craig pointed to the Tricare enrollment fee paid by military retirees who have at least 20 years Shorter-serving veterans are no class than military retirees.

of veterans." Assumptions that such a move would be "budget neutral" were wrong he said So it's time to refocus VA health resources on the "disabled, injured. low-income and special needs veterans," Buyer wrote.

Buyer also said enrollment fees "correct the inequity" beand Tricare users "who pay an enrollment fee and deductibles and who have higher co-payments." His committee "at this time" is not directing that lower-priority veterans also match Tricare deductibles and co-payments. But Buyer hinted he might return to those disparities in future VA budgets.

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less worthy, Craig wrote, but nei-ther are they "more worthy as a

Buyer wrote that Congress erred in 1996 by voting to open VA health care to "lower priority, non-service-connected categories

lower-priority veterans



More than 10,000 students tried to register for 1,580 available college entrance exam positions last week at China Academy of Art in Hangzhou. China has many job seekers, but soon it will have fewer workers supporting retirees than in the United States.

## Retirement-protection fears not limited to U.S.

The Dallas Morning News

WASHINGTON - If you think our Social Security system is head-ing for trouble, look abroad.

In much of the world, people are having fewer children and living longer. Japan is on a path where its retirees will equal the number of workers in 35 years.

In 45 years, there will be 10 retir-ees for every 7 workers in Italy. The United States will still have 23 workers for every 10 retirees.

Even in China, where there ems no end to the number of peo ple who want jobs, there will soon be fewer workers supporting retirees than in America, thanks to its one-child policy.

All these countries are learning that leaving it to the young to sup port the elderly - a pay-as-you-go system like Social Security - is not feasible.

"We're in much better shape to confront the aging challenge than the countries of continental Europe or Japan," said Richard Jackson, director of the Global Aging Initiative at the Center for Strate gic and International Studies in Washington. "But good shape is a relative statement

The puzzle each country faces is how to increase retirement savings before it's too late. The alternative is higher taxes and lower benefits.

In Japan, taxes have gone so high — and young people have so little faith in getting anything from it when they retire — that large numbers of people are refusing to pay their retirement taxes. More than 20 countries have cre-

ated personal retirement accounts that let people save for their own retirement, usually while still paying taxes to support those already

retired. Results are mixed. Chile, which ntroduced private accounts in 1981, has seen generally positive results, said Estelle James, a consultant for the World Bank and the Dallas-based National Center for Policy Analysis

But large numbers of Chile's self employed and temporary workers don't participate. And many new retirees are painfully surprised to see brokers take 20 percent or more of their savings, thanks to

compounded administrative fees. James said those fees may sound high, but aren't out of line with what Americans pay for their 401(k) plans.

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# ents and Sensibility Money tip of the day

## If your W-2 is missing

NEW YORK - By now, you should have all the financial documents you need to file your income tax return.

But what happens if you're missing your W-2 or another of these important documents? It's not a tax break, reports the IRS. You're still expected to file on time. So here's what to do: First. call your employer's payroll office. Employers are required to mail out earnings information by the end of January. Ask when the payroll office mailed out the W-2s, and make sure they had your correct address. If the form seems to have been lost en route. ask for a replacement W-2.

If you cannot secure a replace-

ment W-2 from the company, call the IRS 1-800-829-1040. Be ready to provide: your name, full address and phone number; your Social Security number; the company or employer's name, full address and phone number; and your dates of employment at that company. The IRS will then send your employer a "Not Received, Incorrect or Lost" form. You'll also receive a copy, along with a form 4852, a substitute for form W-2.

The form 4852 should be your last resort for a missing W-2. The one-page form helps you re-cre-ate a W-2, based on information from your old paychecks and other financial records. You can download the www.irs.gov. form at

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60	NICK	The Fairly Odd- Parents Wanda's twin sister. (N)	Rugrats The ba- bies become a rock band. (CC)	The Adventures of Jimmy Neutron: Boy Genius	The Fairly Odd- Parents Timmy dives into Internet.	SpongeBob SquarePants (CC)	Romeo! The band signs with their first manager.	Full House A love letter is misdeliv- ered. (CC)	Full House Jesse and Joey go camp- ing. (CC)	The Fresh Prince of Bel-Air Carlton's dream girl.	The Cosby Show Vacation's over for mom and dad.	Roseanne Dan's lonely boss comes for dinner.	Murphy Brown Corky's skill sur- prises Murphy.
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Evening 3:00 Pro Boxing: WBC Super Lightweight Title Match: Arturo Gatti vs. James Leija

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# STARS STRIPES. LETTERS TO THE EDITOR/OPINION

#### Change criteria for new badge

I am responding to "Army creates badge for non-infantry GIs" (article, Feb. 16).

I am glad to see the Army is finally doing something to recognize all soldiers who have been pulled from our military occupational specialties to become infantry soldiers for war in Iraq. However, it's apparent that another injustice is about to be done to thousands of soldiers if the current proposed criteria remains

I am currently a 63M (Bradley fighting vehicle mechanic) who has been pulled from the motor pool to patrol the streets of Baghdad as an infantry soldier. I am a patrol leader of a platoon that consists of mechanics; cooks; nuclear, biological and chemical noncommissioned officers; and a few 13-series soldiers.

My battery has three combat platoons, which consist of all support specialties. I can think of three that are of the 13 series. Our daily job is to go outside the wire to find and engage the enemy. These soldiers are just a few of the thousands doing it every day.

If the brass in Washington think that 12, 13 and 19 series soldiers are the only ones out there risking their lives, they need to come to Iraq and open their eyes.

And what about the military police? Are they sitting here in Iraq twiddling their thumbs?

I hope the criteria is changed from what has been suggested. Everyone who went outside the wire to engage the enemy deserves the same recognition, regardless of their MOS. If you won't admit we're doing the same job, pull us off the streets now Staff Sgt. Patrick McMillen

Camp Falcon, Iraq

#### Iraqi Guard lacks protection

I am writing in regard to the lack of armor protection the Iraqi National Guard

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has against improvised explosive devices and small-arms threats

U.S. and coalition forces enjoy the protection of up-armored Humvees and other armored vehicles, while ING forces ride in the back of pickup trucks. I am sure we will eventually ensure these forces have up-armored Humvees, but a quicker and more economical solution is at hand.

On the outskirts of Baghdad are large graveyards of Iraqi armor from Saddam Hussein's old regime. There are several types of armored cars, such as BRDM2s and BTR-70s, that could be put back into service. They could be resupplied, and initially maintained, by members of coalition forces that use the same vehicles. This would benefit Iraqi forces and countries such as Bulgaria or Poland, whose economies could use a boost by producing armored car parts.

I witnessed firsthand, ING troops operating out of the backs of pickup trucks, in our small patrol sector in west Baghdad To my knowledge, the BTR family of vehicles is less expensive and better protected than an up-armored Humvee. So why make the ING wait?

Staff Sgt. William L. Quantrille Victory Base, Iraq

#### MPs don't get recognition

Military police are asking for a helping hand and a voice to be heard. I think we deserve something other than cop jokes for our contribution to the war [in Iraq]

I have a real big problem with this new [Close Combat Badge]. I am glad others are getting the recognition for their actions during Operations Iraqi Freedom I. II and III. I am a two-time OIF participant. As a military policeman, I strongly be-

lieve it is not fair that the MP corps is not getting its fair share of recognition. We are expected to accomplish many duties, such as the garrison police work, at our home stations that include jobs such as dog handlers, military police investigation, traffic and many others.

Then, when it comes to our combat yes, I said combat - mission, I think we deserve this honor of wearing the new badge. I have participated in many combat patrols that included countless enemy engagements and raids in many cities. If I recall, infantry does the same thing; we just do it mounted I know many MPs who have seen more

combat time than most infantry, combat engineer or artillery soldiers. Artillery soldiers are being cross-trained to be MPs for a good reason. Someone has to please be the voice of the oh-so-forgotten, but always short-handed, always used and abused, military police.

Sgt. Alejandro Torres Iraa

# Illegal immigration's dominoes of woe

The Providence (R.I) Journal

he Rio Grande Valley, where Texas meets Mexico, is the poorest region in the United States, yet people clamor to live there. The thing is, most of the people moving in aren't Americans but Mexicans — many in the United States illegally

While much is made of the benefits that this low-wage labor brings to employers, little is said about its costs to society Regulating who lives and works in the

United States is a federal responsibility Communities struggle with the expense of providing hospital care to illegal immigrants and schooling for their children.

For border states, these burdens weigh heavily. In Texas, for example, the number of illegal residents has jumped 17 percent since 1996 to an estimated 1.2 million. The

closer you get to the border, the crazier the situation becomes

Some 400,000 people live in what are called colonias along the border in Texas. These unincorporated shantytowns often lack water, sewer systems and electricity. Colonias residents pay little if any taxes but use the schools and other public services.

It's important to recognize that illegal residents don't just add to the numbers of poor: they also bring down the wages and economic opportunities of the legal residents.

While America's problems caused by illegal immigration are most evident at the Mexican border, the solution lies elsewhere. U.S. Border Patrol jeeps can't stop the flow of poor people seeking jobs in the United States. Only penalties for the U.S. employers can do this

For once illegal immigrants get past the

border, Washington does almost nothing to stand between them and American jobs. A serious effort to penalize law-breaking American employers would end the prob

lem immediately Meanwhile, with jobs drawing undocu-mented workers to the United States, pressure is lessened on the often-corrupt politi-cal and economic leaders of their home ntries to improve the lot of people there.

If America needs more foreign workers than legal limits allow, then the policy should be to expand legal immigration. But because Washington seems to wink at illegal immigration, a class of workers is developing that is underpaid and also hurts the prospects of all low-skilled workers. This result may please some employers, but it is not good for those Americans who must compete with illegal immigrants, or for all Americans who pay taxes to support them.

BY GARRY TRUDEAU

### Doonesbury Flashbacks









#### OPINION

# N. Korea's talking points: At a loss for words

he North Korean nuclear issue is lurching inexorably toward another moment of crisis. It is a crisis no one wants - except maybe the North Koreans

Daniel Sneider



be content to keep alive the fiction that there is a continuing negotiation so-called six-party talks to roll back North Korea's nuclear weapons program by diplo matic means. The Chinese, who host these talks, do not want to be

of this conflict. Here in South Korea, the government would love to turn its focus to a shaky economy. An escalation of tensions from their difficult northern brothers is the last thing it

And the Bush administration has its sights set on other targets, such as Iran and Syria not to mention Iraq. While its enthusiasm for sitting down at the table with the North Korean dictatorship of Kim Jong II has always been minimal, keeping the talks going preserves the illusion that something is being

Unfortunately for all of these governments, the North Koreans have, once again, turned over the table.

A few weeks ago, everyone was optimistic that Pyongyang, after an absence of nearly eight months, was about to announce re sumption of the six-party talks, which also include Japan and Russia. Instead, on Feb. 10, the North Koreans suspended the bargainPresident Bush remained intent on regime change, not denuclearization

They proclaimed, in the clearest wording to date, that they already had "manufactured" nuclear weapons. It removed another layer of what a senior South Korean official calls "manageable ambiguity" about the North Korean program. As long as everyone can credibly deny that there is clear proof the weapons exist, they can justify the less-than-urgent pace of their diplomacy.

The Chinese sent a delegation to Pyongy ang anyway to try to drag their recalcitrant ally back. They carried sticks - hints they may close down border traffic - and carrots - possibly increased oil shipments. In return, they got a public statement by the mer-

We will come back to the talks, Kim said in essence, but only when we are convinced, by words and actions that the Rush administration is not intent on overthrowing my regime. South Korean officials rushed to embrace Kim's wording as a positive shift, a

view echoed here by U.S. officials.

But, as South Korean officials admit privately, what Kim said is no different from what was said two weeks ago. Pyongyang still claims to need something from Washing ton as a "condition" for returning to the

The Chinese eynress confidence that talks will resume shortly, but they urge "flexibility" on the part of both North Korea and the United States. Privately, Chinese officials are urging the Bush administration to resnond to Kim.

Analysts here talk about providing Kim with a face-saving excuse to return to the - a declaration from Bush or Secretary of State Condoleezza Rice that the United States has "no hostile intent" toward



North Korea, or that it accepts "peaceful coexistence." Those phrases, they say, more clearly state a willingness to accept the legitimacy of the Pyongyang regime as a negotiating partner.

Negotiators from Japan, the United States and South Korea met here Saturday to plan their next step, but Bush officials signaled they have no plans to yield to the North's conditions. Seoul also is not eager to challenge that stance.

"There should be no price tag for attending the talks," a senior South Korean foreign ministry official told me. "The U.S. did their part."

The Chinese may succeed in organizing another round of talks — but it might be bet-ter if they fail. The collapse of the illusion of

talks may be the only way to get to real nego-The Bush administration might finally

have to decide whether it is ready to accept the continued existence of the North Korean regime as a price for removing its nuclear weapons.

yongyang will finally have to decide if it is willing to give up the nukes - a choice it has skillfully avoided through these non-ne gotiations. And a crisis might also compel the South Korean government to use its de-sire to engage the North as real leverage by freezing the economic openings that have been forged. In the end, no deal may be possible. But the sooner we find that out - one way or another - the better.

Daniel Sneider is foreign affairs columnist

# We're categorically denied the right to eschew labels

BY SUSAN BENJAMIN

ou have to be living in a closet to miss hearing about the new book, "The Intimate World of Abraham Lincoln," whose author, C.A. Tripp, claims Honest Abe was gay. To that, I have two responses

My first response: Who cares? Look, Abe wasn't dating the Confederates, he was militarily challenging them. How his sexual proclivity - gay, straight or otherwise - matters in the scheme of things is beyond me.

My second response: What's with these postmortem analyses, anyway? Not only have we outed Lincoln about 150 years after his death, but we've psychoanalyzed and diagnosed countless, deceased others. Take Emily Dickinson. Allegedly, Emily was not melancholic or eccentric, as we'd previously believed. She suffered from ... Light Deprivation Syndrome and, more impressively, manic-depression, before there was manic-depression.

Van Gogh, as you probably heard, was also manic and Napoleon, no surprise, suffered from acute narcissism. But did you hear about Albert Einstein? No mere genius with his head in the clouds - he was actually ADD. Not to be mistaken for the more-revved-up model — ADHD.

I learned this recently at a leadership conference. For some reason, my neighbor and I were whispering about the subject of grades when I mentioned Einstein was supposedly an average student. That's when my neighbor whispered the news: "And he was

Ah-hah! ADD. That explains everything. Of course, it isn't just the dead we force into categories. At that point in the confer-

ence, the tonic was situational leadership and the participants were filling out a questionnaire to discover whether they had a High Task-Low Relationship (HT-LR) style or a Low Task-Low Relationship (LT-LR) style or a High Task-High Relationship (HT-HR) style or ... well, you know

This, naturally enough, was on the heels of the Myers-Briggs test that, in the off-chance you haven't taken it, tells you whether you're an Introvert-Sensing-Th ing-Perceiving (ISTP) or an Extravert-Intui-tive-Feeling-Judging (ENFJ). Lucky for me, my neighbor, herself ADD, was also a certified Myers-Briggs expert and could help me with the calculations. You see, I thought I was an ENFP but am really an ENFJ. Thank heavens she helped. Can you imagine the confusion that may have resulted.

All this categorizing and classifying of the living and dead points to one conclusion: As a society, we have become High Category (HC) and Low Mystery (LM) and not the other way around. You see, High Category people can explain everything. Got a kid who's wired? Can't focus in school? It's the dreaded ADHD. Hate your marriage? You're depressed.

By the way. I don't have to mention the importance of HC in the political realm, I'm sure. How good it was when George W. dragged the "L" word (liberal, in case vou've forgotten) out of retirement so those who thought Kerry was a Viable Candidate (VC) would understand he's merely an "L. Worse, an MA-L.

As for HMs? Well, around the time of Einstein, Dickinson, Lincoln and, oh, everyone else, most people were HM. HMs believed love, moral decisions, personality types, you name it, were part of a grand mystery, too complex for easy answers. Instead, they grappled: Dickinson with her poetry, Ein stein with his theories, and Lincoln with his angst over going to war. Imagine that?

There are plenty of HMs around today, I'm sure, only no one knows how many They won't take the test to find out. But hold on, maybe someone, long after they're gone, will find a category anyway and, you can be sure, will write a book about them.

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#### Mallard Fillmore

BY BRUCE TINSLEY



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#### Priest sentenced

CT NEW BRITAIN -Roman Cath Catholic priest from Poland was sentenced to nine months in prison for sexually assaulting a 17-year-old girl.

The Rev. Roman Kramek was arrested in 2002 after the teen said the priest attacked her while counseling her for a prior assault. Kramek told police sex was part of her therapy.

#### Rabbit farms multiplying

AL MARBURY Rabbit farms are multiplying rapidly across the South, and their products could soon be on the menu for Easter Sunday or any other day of the week as more people discover the lean, white meat,

"It tastes like chicken," said 11-year-old Brady Cox. "And you can fix it any way chicken can be fixed," added his grandfather, Wayne Powell.

Powell helps his three grandsons run the family's business on their small farm 20 miles north of Montgomery. They started in Sep-tember with only a few rabbits. Now they have 500.

J.C. Holt, president of the Tri-State Rabbit Producers Association, said the organization began in 2003 with two members.

Now it has 248 in Alahama Tennessee and Mississinni

#### Prank call alleged

RI COVENTRY — A Coventry fire department has begun an internal investigation after a firefighter was accused of calling dispatch and pretending to be the town council vice president.

Police say a Washington Fire District firefighter made the call, and it was recorded. The firefighter has not been named, and it's unknown what was said on the call Richard Sanetti, the official who was allegedly impersonated, said the firefighter admitted making

It's illegal to impersonate a public officer under state law

#### Grandparents sue condo

NAPLES - A southwest condominium association with the help of the state, claiming a condo nolicy is discriminatory because they weren't allowed to have their grandchildren stay with them for a week or longer

The state Attorney General's Office is representing Richard and Jean Quinn in their case against Windemere Inc.

#### **Jackpot** garnishing

ATLANTIC CITY - The New Jersey Legislature has passed a measure aimed at preventing gamblers who owe child support in the state from keeping big slot machine jackpots to them selves

The bill would require slots operators to give names, addresses and Social Security numbers of major winners to the state, to uncover deadbeat parents and deduct what they owe before the jackpot is paid 011

Welcomed by advocates for children, the measure was criticized as onerous and unfair by a casino lobbyist. "We think anyone who



Oregon, the radars picked up readings as far as 1.700 miles off both coasts. But like outdated warhead silos and other relics of the arms race, the military is scrapping the wire-and-steel monoliths. The radar in Maine was operational for a mere year in the early 1990s before being moth-

#### Self-defense or murder?

balled

PA BETHLEHEM woman accused of beating to death her live-in boyfriend with a metal baseball bat felt threatened by him, her attorney said at the start of her trial.

Richele Abraham, 51, of Bethlehem, is charged with killing Dennis Wampole Sr., 56, on Dec. 21, 2003

Abraham told police Wampole was abusive, and a psychologist will testify that Abraham "acted out of a perception that she was in danger, whether it was a reasonable perception or not," defense attorney James Connell said.

Prosecutor John Obrecht told jurors that Wampole was face down in bed, probably sleeping or trying to sleep, when Abraham killed him. "His skull was completely shattered into numerous pieces, Obrecht said. He said the killing was malicious and premeditated. and constituted first-degree mur-

#### Cold War relic must go Destructive fire ME MOSCOW — It's a dino-

KAHULUI — Maui fire investigators were searching for the cause of a fire that destroyed three stores in the Kahului Shopping Center

Deputy Chief Neal Bal said there was so much smoke and heat damage to the remaining stores that he doubted they would reopen anytime soon.

A Salvation Army thrift store and Ah Fook's Super Market were initially destroyed in the fire that started in or near the thrift store, Bal said. The blaze was nearly contained when it flared up, jumped across a breezeway and destroyed TJ's Oriental Food Mart & Fast Food, he said, adding that flames briefly spread to the roof of the nearby Kahului Library.

#### Conditions ripe for virus

FRAMINGHAM — The heavy snows and rains this winter could lead to an increase in mosquito-borne eastern equine encephalitis cases this year, according to officials who monitor and control mosquito populations.

David Henley, superintendent for the Eastern Middlesey Control Project which covers about half the MetroWest area, said the mosquitos that spread the illness spend the winter in their larval state, when they depend on moist conditions

Ground water levels which keep wetlands and mosquito breeding grounds full are above normal this year, and soil conditions are extremely moist throughout New England, according to the National Weather Service's latest spring flood report.



He's going to be fine Veterinary technician Octovia Bennett comforts a stray dog found with an arrow in its head. The young adult dog, tentatively name Easton after the brand of arrow, is in stable condition at the Cedar Animal Medical Center in Gallup, N.M. The arrow, which didn't puncture the brain, was removed and Easton will be made available for adoption afte recuperating. A reward is offered to anyone who provides information that leads to the arrest and conviction of the individual who harmed the dog.



Young fishermen Cody Stock, left, Learning young and Tyler VanWatermulen, both 11, wait for nibbles on Lake Waconia in Waconia, Minn. Despite 50 degree temperatures, they fished through ice that was two feet thick.



A great blue heron flies through the Grace and beauty light of the rising sun along the Tomoka River in Ormond Beach. Fla.



Macy Furry, 8, joins her mother, Illinois National Guardsman Heath er Furry, right, while marching toward the center of town in Paris III. More than 5,000 people turned out to welcome home about 160 members of the Illinois Army National Guard's 1544th Transportation unit after their yearlong tour of duty in Iraq.



**AMERICAN** 

ROUNDUP

owes child support should pay it,

but having private businesses doing the state's job is just wrong,"

said Frank Fahrenkopf Jr., presi-

dent of the American Gaming Asso-

The law would not apply to peo-

ple who win at table games or to

those who win low-level slot jack-

pots. It also would not apply to

Meth fears fuel food ban

MOUNT PLEASANT — School District officials

want to ban homemade goodies for

classroom sharing beginning next

fall because of fears children will

bring methamphetamine residue

A methamphetamine specialist

for the Iowa Department of Human Services said homes

where the drug is produced may

3-mile-long radar system designed

to detect Soviet bombers scream-

ter Radar, often described as the

world's largest radar, was devel-oped over 25 years for \$1.5 billion

and occupies an area nearly twice

The Over-The-Horizon Backscat-

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'Gates' coming down

lining 23 miles of New York's Central Park. The thousands of tons of steel, orange plastic and saffron-colored myon fabric are to be recycled as everything from paint rollers and steel reinforcing bat to PVC piece.



Clearing the path

A North Carolina Department of Transportation snow-plow truck rumbles through downtown Boone, N.C., during a large snowstorm. The storm left about 4,000 residents of Watauga County without power.



Making their voices heard Members of the American Disabled for Attendant Programs demonstration in Washington calling for passage of legislation that requires states to provide alternatives to institutions for people who could otherwise live in the community.

#### Unclogging route

MA BOSTON — Temporary ramps carrying Route 3 traffic to and from the Sagamore Bridge and bypassing the off-clogged rotary below are expected to be completed before Cape Cod's tourist rush begins on Memorial Day weekend, a state transportation official said.

The state broke ground on the SS2 million highway project replacing the Sagamore rotary in Bourne with a direct connection from Route 3 to the Sagamore Bridge. The rotary, built in the 1990s, exceeded its 40,000 daily capacity long ago and now sees about 190,000 cars a day. During summer, the rotary routinely produces weekend backup of 5 miles or more.

#### Teen skier held in death

JACKSON — A Maryland teenager was charged with manslaughter after a fatal collision with a skier from Shrewsbury, Mass, at the Jackson Hole Mountain Resort

Authorities would not release the name or hometown of the 16-year-old snowboarder, who also was charged with reckless endangerment. Teton County Sheriff's Sgt. Lloyd Funk said the county attorney would decide whether the teen should be tried as a juvenile or an adult. The manslaughter charge carries a maximum penalty of 20 years in prison.

According to witnesses, Heather Donahue, 29, was skiing slowly on an intermediate slope last week when the boy collided with her.

Witnesses said the boy was going very fast and had ample room to turn, but didn't do so. Donahue later died from head injuries.

#### Path criticized

NH CARROLL — Snowmobiling is big business in New Hampshire's rural North Country, so it's no wonder the state has been trying to lure riders this winter with a new trail.

But the decision to run the path within 100 yards of a new \$9.5 million nature center and lodge in picturesque Crawford Notch is not sitting well with owners and guests.

"If you were going to pick a place that was going to be worse, you could run a trail right through a grade-school playground," Ann Isenberg said after a visit to the center.

February and March are peak months for snowmobiling, a \$1.2 billion industry that is a boon to area restaurants and hotels

#### Spawning giant fish

BAY CITY — The U.S. Fish and Wildlife Service will begin a three-year project to see if lake sturgeon, a species native to the area, are spawning in the Saginaw River watershed after a long period of decline.

The gigantic fish has been around since the time of the dinosaurs. The results will be used in efforts to rehabilitate sturgeon populations throughout the Great Lakes.

#### **Ecstasy dealer guilty**

PA EASTON — Another person who has admitted to being part of a large Ecstasy drug ring pleaded guilty to drug charges in Northampton County Court.

William D. Hartranft, 30, of Say-

lorsburg, admitted that he found customers for Duane Policelli, whom investigators said headed one of the largest Ecstacy operations on the East Coast.

Hartranft faces a maximum of 62 years in prison when he is sentenced on April 1, defense attorney Richard Penner said.

#### Saving Civil War site

SC CHARLESTON — About 80 Civil War re-enactors camped on Morris Island, where black troops of the 54th Massachusetts mounted an attack against Confederate defenses, a battle re-counted in the movie "Glory."

They were trying to draw attention to efforts to preserve the island, parts of which are up for sale. The group camped on the beach and then rowed 19th century replica wooden boats to nearby Fort Sumter.

#### Abortion bill fails

WATERBURY — Officials declined to take action on a proposal to declare the city an abortion-free zone, a measure that would have banned the procedure in Waterbury.

Forty demonstrators in support of the proposal attended a Board of Aldermen meeting, where independent Alderman Frank Caiazzo proposed the measure.

Instead, aldermen voted 9-6 to place the proposal "on file," essentially killing it for now. The bill could be brought up again later.

#### Community center plans

HONOLULU — The Salvation Army announced its plans to begin construction on its \$30 million community center on 10 acres in Kapolei within two years. The center, which will have a day care, swimming pool and theater, is expected to be completed as early as 2009. The bulk of the funding for the

center would come from a \$1.5 billion endowment from Joan B. Kroc, late wife of McDonald's restaurants founder Ray Kroc. The endowment is earmarked

rice endowmen is earmarked specifically for the construction of as many as 30 community centers across the nation. Half the endowment must be used to build the centers, while the other half must collect interest and help support the centers' operation.

#### Maryland may get slots

ANNAPOLIS—The Maryland House of Delegates voted by the slimmest of margins to invite slot machine gambling into the state, ending two years of opposition to Gov. Robert Ehrlich's signature initiative.

Passage in the House was viewed by slots advocates as a pivotal step forward for the star-crossed gambling initiative. But even as backers cheered the 71 to 66 vote, signs were emerging that their victory could be short-lived.

House Speaker Michael Busch, a slots opponent, said even a slight change to the House's version of the legislation would break the fragile majority that enabled it to pass.

"The governor and the president of the Senate are either going to have to accept this bill or there will be no expansion of gambling in Maryland," Busch said.

Stories and photos from wire reports

## J Horoscope

The word "deserve" is subjective Some people perform great acts of generosity every day and feel they are worthy of only crumbs from the banquet of life. Others do nothing and expect grapes to be peeled for them. Mars and Juniter square off, encouraging us

to consider our sense of

entitlement. Is it balanced? Fair-minded? TODAY'S BIRTHDAY (March 3). You get serious about your No. 1 goal this year and will have what you want. You are also able to attain smaller wins along the way by sticking to your plan. Casual relationships don't stay casual. Early summer highlights a big commitment. Someone you hire

favored ARIES (March 21-April 19). You sometimes feel that if you're not acting against an opposing force you're not working hard enough. But everything doesn't have to be a fight. Try compliance for a change.

makes a difference in June and July

Love with a Scorpio or Sagittarius is

TAURUS (April 20-May 20). There's something grand and melancholy about working alone, and you'll revel in it. You'll probably burn the midnight oil tonight, too - just remember, there is a point of diminishina returns.

You may actually like it.

GEMINI (May 21-June 21).

You'll have extraordinary insights while accomplishing ordinary tasks like cleaning up, making phone calls and clearing your desk. Get out in the world this afternoon. Your luck is uncanny. You could even win a raffle or lottery

CANCER (June 22-July 22). No one wants to admit bad behavior, but your refreshing honesty drives you to do just that. You could find yourself defending the very thing only a fool would defend. You're in good company, though.

LEO (July 23-Aug. 22). Ro mance permeates your environ ment, though it's not necessarily the kind that involves being in love. Very grown-up behaviors are highlighted - this could include deep business, litigation or some lofty form of decadence

#### VIRGO (Aug. 23-Sept. 22)



Learning to do something creative with your hands (gardening? sketching? cooking?) will keep you out of the restless prison of tedium, Also, make a firm, regular date with someone you care about.

#### LIBRA (Sept.

23-Oct. 23). There's so much to get done now that you'll wish you had your own staff - unless, of course, you do have your own staff, and then

SCORPIO (Oct. 24-Nov. 21). Cause and effect are clearly illustrated in your life. The more forthright you are the more successful you'll be. Don't keep anyone waiting on hold - it's bad karma. Tonight

features an eternally seductive

you'll wish they were one-tenth as

efficient as you are.

temptation.

SAGITTARIUS (Nov. 22-Dec. 21). You need a break from rigorous self-observation. Return to childish innocence by refusing to over-think your work. Also, make more time for "recess." Frivolous activities are lucky.

CAPRICORN (Dec. 22-Jan.

19). Though you can appreciate a well-told story as heartily as the next person, today, it's the facts you're after, not imagination. Ask direct and pointed questions, and you'll learn exactly what you need to know

AQUARIUS (Jan. 20-Feb. 18). Avoid the (juicy) rumor mill! If you can take the high road, you stand to gain while others learn their lesson On a financial note, you'll get access to the money once you prove you can handle it.

#### PISCES (Feb. 19-March 20).

Diverse characters delight and inspire you. You're to be commended for being able to relate to people of all walks of life. If you follow the golden rule, everyone gets along. Your connection with a Scorpio is particularly strong.

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#### **Peanuts**



" A SMALL BOY RAN ACROSS THE STREET AND PICKED UP THE SIGN THAT THE EXHAUSTED TEACHER HAD BEEN CARRYING

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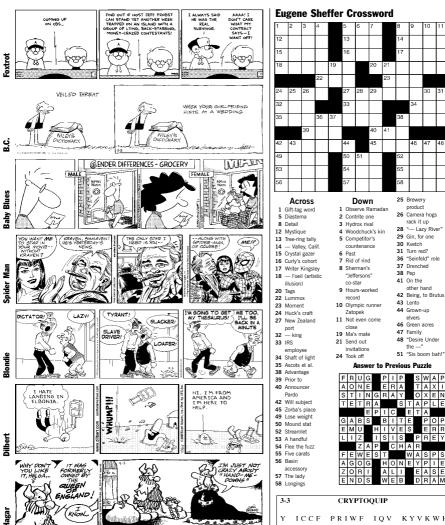












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CONCERNING A FELLOW WHO ALWAYS SMILES WARMLY: "THE WEARING OF THE GRIN." Today's Cryptoquip Clue: C equals E

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by Henri Arnold and Mike Argirlon

It's your turn

to wash

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Dear Abby

# **Consider kids' safety at hotels**

Dear Abby: I work in a hotel where many people pass through our lobby each day. We have great guests, but we also get our share of strange or questionable people, too.

It's not uncommon for police to send us information or inquire about criminals of various sorts who stop over at hotels. And, for the record, it doesn't matter how posh the hotel is.

My letter concerns parents who allow very young children to come to the front desk alone, or to hang out in the lobby. I have seen scantily clad young teens in swimsuits walk by. These girls have no clue that they're being ogled by 40-plus business men in suits who make off-color comments about their bodies.

It's also not unusual to see 4and 5-year-olds get on and off the elevators alone because their parents don't feel like coming to the desk to pick up items.

Why, then, do we wonder how our kids are snatched up so

easily by predators? Hotel staff are here to serve and he helnful but we cannot serve as baby sitters. We are often multitask-ing, so no one should assume we have an eye on your child. How are we to know whether the 50-year-old man pulling your 12-

year-old daughter aside and whispering some thing in her ear is her dad — or a nervert

When children go missing, we staff mem-bers get screamed at by parents insisting that we should have seen something suspicious about the person the child was last seen with. Well, here's the simple answer: We're employed to conduct hotel business, not

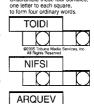
monitor children. When the telephone rings, we must answer and take a reservation. Our attention cannot be on your child when there is a lobby bustling with activity, a line of five or more quests checking in and out someone on the inside line requesting more pillows or queslines are ringing off the book - Frustrated at the Front Desk

Dear Frustrated: I understand and sympathize. Part of the problem may be that the hospitality industry has been so success ful in making guests feel at home away from home, that people forget they are NOT at home. An illustration would be a recent item on the television news here in California. An attractive young woman entered her upscale hotel and decided to dash into the powder room off the main lobby. She was unaware that a man followed her into the hotel through the lobby and into the bathroom. The only thing that saved her from his sexual assault was that another woman han-

pened to enter the bathroom. In the interest of safety, travel-ers should never let their guard down, and parents should remain vigilant

Letters for this column — with your name and phone number — should be addressed to Dear Abby, P.O. Box 69440, Los Angeles CA 90069. Readers can write to Abby on the Internet at http://www.uexpress.com/dearabby Universal Press Syndicate

THAT SCRAMBLED WORD GAME Unscramble these four Jumbles,



**PERUSH** 

Now arrange the circled letters to form the surprise answer, as suggested by the above cartoon.

WHAT THE KIDS

FACED AFTER

DINNER.

Yesterday's

(Answers tomorrow) Jumbles: AIDFD PI AID WEAKEN ALITHOR What the tipsy gambler and the dice had in common - THEY WERE "LOADED"

# **Family Circus**

# AOU, AE FOUND A CANADIAN QUARTER 3.3

"Can I go to Canada?"

# Tag-a-long cousin too much to bear

Dear Annie: I have been married to "Ricky' for several years. He and his widowed mother own a cabin in the woods Ricky and I work hard. barely seeing each other and look forward to spending weekends at the cabin where we can rest and relax

The problem is Ricky's cousin "Karl," who is unmarried and unemployed. Karl is the biggest mooch ou have ever seen. He constantly drons by the cabin uninvited and intrudes on our time. If we have guests for the weekend, Karl assumes he is part of the gang

When Ricky and I go out with friends, Karl finds us. He has never once reciprocated, brought anything or chipped in to pay for refreshments

Ricky and I argue about this constantly. I have discussed it with my mother-in-law and have even told Karl directly that he should call first and contribute once in a while. It has made no difference.



cabin anymore, and I leave if Karl shows up Ricky says it's his mom's cabin, too, and

she likes having Karl there, although he has never done a single thing for her in his life I say we've earned the right to choose who spends time with us Karl is ruining our

— Marsha in Montana

Dear Marsha: Obviously, it doesn't bother Ricky or his mother that Karl visits all the time or that he comes empty-handed. He is family, and they love him, which means they are not going to toss him out because he is a freeloader

Decide how much this bothers you, because if it is wrecking your marriage, you are giving it more importance than it merits. The cabin is a nice getaway, but it comes with Karl attached. Look for ways to relax without going there.

Dear Annie: My three sisters and I are very close, and we want to take a vacation together. but there is one problem. My older sister, "Rhonda," has recently been ordered by the court to go to AA or she will lose visita-tion rights to her kids.

In spite of this court order, we happen to know Rhonda still drinks. We are concerned that if we take her with us on vacation. especially if the rest of us drink she will get out of control

 Little Sister Dear Little Sister: Rhonda needs your support to stay sober and be part of her children's lives, but your plans should not be dependent on her. Maybe if she knew why you preferred to go without her, it would give her the incentive to stop. Please look in your phone book for Al-Anon, or call 1-888-4AL-ANON and ask how best to help your sister.

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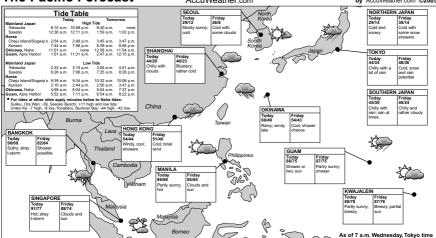
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#### **Extended Forecasts**

high 41, low 34

Saturday: Partly sunny, high 44, low 30. Sunday: Periods of clouds and sunshine

#### KADENA

Saturday: Partly sunny, high 51, low 44. Sunday: Mostly sunny, high 56, low 50.

SEOUL Saturday: Partly sunny, high 26, low 16 Sunday: Sunny high 40, low 30.

#### MANILA

Saturday: Showers, high 83, low 63. Sunday: Showers, high 82 low 64

#### HAGATNA

Saturday: Partly sunny, high 88, low 75. Sunday: Partly sunny, high 88, low 75.

#### Tuesday's USA Temperatures

CITY	HIGH/LOW	CITY	HIGH/LOW
Albuquerque	58/32	Los Angeles	65/53
Amarillo	54/31	Little Rock	49/30
Anchorage	30/20	Louisville	36/22
Asheville	37/19	Miami	74/50
Baltimore	40/26	Milwaukee	26/14
Birmingham	47/24	Nashville	40/23
Bismarck	39/11	New York	37/28
Boise	54/34	Omaha	38/20
Boston	36/25	Orlando	71/42
Brownsville	78/62	Philadelphia	38/28
Buffalo	33/20	Phoenix	73/52
Burlington	27/16	Pittsburgh	32/22
Charleston, S	C 59/30	Portland, OR	57/47
Charlotte	47/24	Portland, ME	31/23
Cleveland	32/20	Salt Lake City	52/32
Columbus, Ol-		St. Louis	37/21
Duluth	18/-1	San Antonio	71/54
El Paso	67/40	San Diego	66/55
Hartford	31/24	San Juan	86/72
Helena	55/26	Tampa	70/44
Indianapolis	31/19	Tulsa	51/30
Jacksonville	64/31	Washington, D	
Kansas City	40/24	Wichita	47/30



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#### U.S. Extended Forecast

Brisk and cold weather will continue across the eastern half of the nation Thursday. There may be a few flurries in parts of New England; otherwise, dry weather is expected. A storm over the northern Gulf of Mexico will bring some rain to the Deep South. High pressure will dominate the middle of the country and the result will be dry weather and temperatures closer to normal. In the West, a few flurries may occur in the northern Rockies; the southern Rockies and Southwest will be dry. A storm may provide some late-day rain to coastal sections of northern California. On Friday and Saturday, cold air will be the dominant feature in the Fast

#### Thursday's Pacific Temperatures

#### Thursday's World Temperatures

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#### Usher, Alicia Keys win

Fresh off their Grammy success, Usher and Alicia Keys dominated the Soul Train Awards in Los Angeles, with each winning two individual awards and sharing the prize for best R&B-soul

single by a group or duo. R&B sensation Usher picked up the award for best male R&B-soul single for "Confessions Part II," as well as the prize for best R&B-soul album by a male

artist for "Confessions Keys won for the best female R&B-soul single for her hit "If I Ain't Got You" and was honored for best female R&B-soul album

for "The Diary of Alicia Keys."

Usher also earned an award for best R&B-soul or ran music video for his work with rappers Ludacris & Lil Jon in the song "Yeah!"

#### Producer praises actor

In his final days, Jerry Orbach refused to let cancer stop him from portraying police Detective Lennie Briscoe on NBC's "Law & Order: Trial by Jury," the show's executive producer said.

Orbach, who died of prostate cancer in December, continued to work even while getting chemotherapy every two weeks, Walon Green told TV Guide. Green said he needed to make

some changes for Orbach's final scene cause actor the where could

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normal voice "He was down to a whisper," Green said. "So we had

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Green said the 69-year-old Orbach refused to be written out of scenes when Green tried to lighten his workload.

### Accused Berry stalker

weakened to A judge in Santa Monica, Calif., issued a three-year restraining order against a man who allegedpoint he sent threatening letters to not speak in his Halle Berry's home.

Superior Court Judge Linda K. Lefkowitz ruled that Robert Saw yer of San Pablo, about 15 miles northeast of San Francisco, was to stay 100 yards away from Berry and to keep the same distance from her home, work and

The order, which expires in 2008, also prohibits him from contacting the actress by phone, mail or e-mail

#### Portman regrets scene

Natalie Portman says filming a kissing scene beside Jerusalem's Western Wall for her upcoming movie "Free Zone" was a mis-

really "T don't want to offend anyone's beliefs or imnose anything on anyone and it was mistaken to do it Portman told "Access Hollywood." The



23-year-old Israeli-born actress and her crew were confronted by ultra-Orthodox Jewish worshippers last week while filming the scene with Israeli actor Aki Avni. The incident underlined the sensitivity of the site, a remnant of the biblical Jewish temples, the holiest place where Jews can pray.

The site is controlled by strictly observant Jews. Male and female worshippers are separated by a barrier perpendicular to the wall, following Orthodox Jewish rules forbidding casual contact between the sexes.

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21-8 18-8 18-9 25-2 18-8

Others receiving votes: Florida St. 52 Wis.-Green Bay 42, New Mexico 25, Virginia 16, Arizona St. 12, Oregon 7, Louisville 6, Mis-sissippi 6, Houston 5, Chattanooga 3, TCU 3 Louislana Tech 2, Iowa 1, SW Missouri St. 1.

AP Women's Top 25 schedule

No. 20 lowa State vs. Kansas No. 22 Boston College at St. John's Wednesday's games No. 11 Texas at Texas A&M No. 17 Kansas State at Missouri Thursday's games No. 7 Baylor vs. No. 13 Texas Tech. No. 26 Gonzaga vs. Portland, WCC tourna-

Friday's games No. 1 LSU vs. Florida or Alabama, SEC tour-

nament No. 3 Ohio State vs. Wisconsin or Indiana, Big Ten tournament No. 5 Tennessee vs. Aubum or Kentucky, SEC tournament

Tuesday's games No. 9 Rutgers at Villanova No. 10 Notre Dame at Seton Hall No. 14 Connecticut at West Virgi No. 20 Iowa State vs. Kansas

16. Temple 17. Kansas St. 18. Vanderbilt 19. N.C. State 20. Iowa St.

21. Georgia 22. Boston College 23. Penn St. 24. Gonzaga 25. Marvland

NOTE: Split-squad games count in the standings; games against non-major league teams do not.

eams do not.

Tuesday's game
Univ. of Miami at Florida

Wednesday's games
Manatee CC vs. Pittsburgh at Bradenton,

la. N.Y. Mets vs. Washington at Viera, Fla. Florida vs. Los Angeles at Vero Beach, Fla. Navy vs. Tampa Bay at St. Petersburg, Fla. Georgia Tech vs. Atlanta at Kissimmee,

Fla. Florida Southern vs. Detroit at Lakeland,

la. Florida Atlantic vs. St. Louis at Jupiter, Fla. Colorado vs. Chicago White Sox at Tuc-on, Ariz.

ia. Detroit vs. Philadelphia at Clearwater, Fla. Cincinnati vs. Tampa Bay at St. Peters-

Cincinnati vs. Tampa Bay at St. Peters-burg, Fla. Bethune-Cookman vs. Washington at Viera, Fla. Pittsburgh vs. N.Y. Yankees at Tampa, Fla. Chicago Cubs vs. Oakland at Phoenix

Seattle vs. San Diego at Peoria, Ariz. Texas vs. Kansas City at Surprise, Ariz. San Francisco vs. Anaheim at Tempe, Ariz Chicago White Sox vs. Arizona at Tucson riz.

Minnesota vs. Boston at Fort Myers, Fla. St. Louis vs. N.Y. Mets at Port St. Lucie, Fla

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American League
CHICAGO WHITE SOX—Agreed to terms
with RHP Jon Adding, RHP Jeff Balenaru, LHP
American League
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ABURION REPRODUCTION
RHP Bodby Jense, LHP Armie Munoz, LHP
Paulino Reynoso, RHP Matt Smith, RHP Sean
Tracey, INF Jon Corde, INF ROSS (Gload, INF
Peditor Lopez, INF Casey Rogovssk, INF WHICONTROL TO Jense Pachard of one re-year

son Vaidez and 0+ Joe Borchard on one-year contracts.

CLEVELAND INDIANS—Signed Chris An-tonelli and Neal Huntington, assistant gener-al managers, John Mirabelli, scouting direc-tor, and John Farrell, director of player devel-opment, to two-year contract extensions. Signed Steve Lubratich, player personnel di-

ector, through 2007. Promoted Mike Cher-off to assistant director of baseball opera tions.

LOS ANGELES ANGELS—Agreed to terms with RHP Francisco Rodriguez, RHP Dustin Moseley and C Wil Nieves on one-year contracts.

National League
ARIZONA DIAMONDBACKS—Named Matt

Williams special assistant.

LOS ANGELES DODGERS—Agreed to terms with INF Willy Aybar, 18 Hee-Seop Choi, INF Joe Thurston, OF Henri Stanley, OF Chin-Feng Chen, OF Jason Grabowski, C David Ross, RHP Joel Hanrahan, RHP Yhency C David Ross, RHP Joel Hanrahan, RHP Yhency C David Ross, RHP Joel Hanrahan, RHP Duanger

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BOSION CELING—ACTIVATION TO THE MEMORY ACTIVATION OF THE BOBCATS—Signed G Cory Alexander. Waywed C Jahidi White, Placed F Bernard Robinson the injured list. CLEVELAND CAVALIERS—Placed F Scott Williams on the injured list, Activated F LOS ANGELES CLIPPERS—Climed G Kenny Anderson off waivers from Atlanta. Re-

NEW YORK KNICKS—Placed C Jackie Butler the injured list. Signed G Jermaine Jack

Deals

on, Ariz.

Thursday's games

Baltimore vs. Florida at Jupiter, Fla.

Atlanta vs. Los Angeles at Vero Beacl
Houston vs. Cleveland at Winter H

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#### AFN TV & Radio

#### Thursday

AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.—Spring training: N.Y. Mets vs. Washington.

AFN-Sports, 9 a.m.—College basketball:
Georgia Tech at Wake Forest.

AFN-Atlantic, 9 a.m.—College basketball:
Texas A&M at Oklahoma State.

AFN-Atlantic, 11 a.m.—College basketball:
Kangas State at Kangas AFN-Sports, 2:30 p.m.—Outdoors: Babe /inkelman's Good Fishing: Max-Gap Missis-

sippi Walleye (dld).

AFN-Sports, 5 p.m.—Bowling: PBA Cambridge Credit Classic (dld).

AFN-Sports, 8 p.m.—NBA: New Jersey at Philadelphia (dld).

AFN-Sports, 120 p.m.—College basket-ball: Kansas State at Kansas (dld).

#### Friday

AFN-Sports, 3 a.m.—Spring training: Pitts-burgh vs. N.Y. Yankees. AFN-Sports, 6 a.m.—Golf: PGA Tour, Ford Championship at Doral, first round. AFN-Atlantic, 9 a.m.—College basketball: Charlotte at Louisville.

AFN-Sports, 10:15 a.m.—NBA: Indiana at AFN-Atlantic, 11 a.m.—College basketball: Purdue at Illinois.

AFN-Sports, 12:30 p.m.—NBA: Detroit at AFN-Sports, 7 p.m.—College basketball: Charlotte at Louisville (dld). AFN-Sports, 10 p.m.—College basketball: Purdue at Illinois (dld).

All times are Japan and Korea Standard Time; dld indicates delayed listing. All list-ings are subject to change. Visil www.myafn.net for more information.

### College basketball

#### AP Men's Top 25

The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 27, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through one point for a 25th-place vote and last week's ranking:

	Record	Die	
1. Illinois (72)	28-0		
2. North Carolina	24-3	1 727	
3. Kentucky	22-3	1 506	
4. Wake Forest	24-4	1 546	
5. Boston College	23-2	1,040	
6. Duke	21-4	1.435	
7. Kansas	21-4	1 331	
8. Oklahoma St.	20-5	1 283	
9. Louisville	24-4	1 150	1
10. Washington	23-4	11133	í
11. Arizona	24-5	1.055	-
12. Gonzaga	22-4	1.003	1
13. Syracuse	24-5	1,003	ī
14. Michigan St.	20-5	888	ī
15. Connecticut	19-6	843	ī
16. Utah	24-4	716	1
17. Pacific	23-2	583	1
18. Charlotte	21-4	512	2
19. Villanova	19-6	486	2
20. Oklahoma	21-6	453	2
21. Alabama	21-6 22-6	445	1
22. Cincinnati	22-6	288	2
23. Wisconsin	18-7 18-7	252	2
24. Pittsburgh	18-7	158	3
25. Nevada	22-5	153	2
Others receiving votes:	S. Illino	is 65,	J
23, Florida 19, Texas Tech	16, Fexa:	5 13, N	li
land 12, WisMilwaukee 1	z, Georg	јіа Те	c

J. Wis. -Milwoulker J. Georgia and Mary New Mexico 4, Old Dominion 3, Texas A&M 3, Vermont 3, Holy Cross 2, Milami (Ohlo) 2, Saint Mary's, Califf. 2, West Virginia 2, George Washington 1, Minnesota 1, Penn 1, UCLA 1, Winthrop 1.

#### USA Today/ESPN Top 25

The top 25 teams in the USA Today-ESPN men's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 27, points based on 25 points for a first-place vote, through one point for a 25th-place vote and previous ranking:

	Record	Pts	Pv
1. Illinois (31)	28-0	775	2 5 6 3
2. North Carolina	24-3		2
3. Kentucky	22-3	691	5
4. Wake Forest	24-4	673	- 6
5. Boston College	23-2	648	. 3
6. Duke	21-4	579	10
7. Kansas 8. Oklahoma State	21-4 20-5	555	7
9. Louisville	20-5	524	11
10. Washington	24-4	499	13
11. Arizona	24-5		
12. Michigan State	20-5	421	0
13. Gonzága	22-4	376	16
13. Syracuse	24-5	376	15
15. Utah	24-4	354	12
16. Connecticut	19-6	276	19
17. Pacific	23-2	272	18
18. Charlotte	21-4	226	21
19. Alabama	21-6	210	14
20. Oklahoma	21-6	184	23
21. Cincinnati	22-6	175	22
22. Villanova	19-6	135	24
23. Wisconsin	18-7	125	20
24. Pittsburgh	18-7	86	.17
25. Southern Illinois	24-6	43	NR
Others receiving votes: N	evada 25	C FIO	rida
16; Maryland 11; Holy Cross 6; Wisconsin-Milwaukee 6;	TU; LSU	0; [6	xas
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4; Old Dominion 3; Texas Tech 3; DePaul 2; New Mexico 2; George Washington 1; Minne-sota 1: Texas A&M 1: Texas-El Paso 1.

#### AP Men's Top 25 schedule

Tuesday's game

Wednesday's games			
lo. 3 Kentucky vs. Tennessee			
lo. 4 Wake Forest vs. Georgia Tech			
lo. 7 Kansas vs. Kansas Stäte			
Io. 8 Oklahoma State vs. Texas A&M			
Io. 14 Michigan State at Northwester			
lo. 15 Connecticut vs. Georgetown			
io. 19 Villanova vs. Seton Hall			
Io. 21 Alabama vs. Auburn			

# Thursday's games No. 1 Illinois vs. Purdue No. 2 North Carolina vs. Florida State No. 6 Duke vs. Miami No. 9 Louisville vs. No. 18 Charlotte No. 10 Washington at California No. 17 Pacific at Cal State-Fullerton

No. 19 Washington at California
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No. 4 Wake Forest at North Carolina State No. 7 Kansas at Missouri No. 12 Gonzaga vs. TBA at The Leavey Cen-er, Santa Clara, Calif.

#### Monday's men's scores

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Drexel 56, Towson 60
Monmouth, NJ. 64, Squinniplac 85
Hisburgh 72, Beston College 97
Hisburgh 77, Beston College 97
St. Francis, Pa. 77, Sacred Heart 60
Wagner 67, Fatheigh Dicklasson 97
Alabama A&M 71, SQUIN
Alabama A&M 12, SQUIN
Alabama A&M 12, Father View 53

Alabama A&M 71, Prain'e View S3 Delwayne S1, 64 Hampton 54 Delwayne S1, 64 Hampton 54 Mcf. Eastern Shore at Morgan St., ppd. Mcf. Eastern Shore at Morgan St., ppd. Mcf. Eastern Shore at Morgan St., Carolina A&T 63, Bethune-Cookman 60 Worth Georgia 103, Faulkner 96 Dalkland, Mcf., 86, Centenary 69 Dalkland, Mcf., 86, Centenary 69 Tevas Southern 54, Alabama St. 54 Frevecca Nazarene 74, Union, Tenn. 56 Treiothos 64, Illinois St. 29

Air Force 77, San Diego St. 57 CS Northridge 99, UC Davis 72 Gonzaga 87, N. Colorado 60 Montana 77, N. Arizona 69 New Mexico 77, UNLV 66 TOURNAMENT

TOURNAMENT CVAC Tournament First Round derson, S.C. 93, St. Andrew's 72 skine 93, Coker 74 es-McRae 83, Belmont Abbey 80 Dakota Athletic Conferenc

Championship
Minot St. 86, Mayville St. 82, OT
MAIA independent
Semifinals
Indiana-N'west 90, Northwestern, Minn. 86
Johnson & Wales, R.I. 90, St. Scholastica 84

Johnson & Wales, R.I. 90, St. Scholastica Northeast 10 Conference Quarterfinals Bentley 95, Pace 78 S. New Hampshire 78, American Int'l 68 St. Anselm 81, Bryant 79, OT St. Rose 62, Merrimack 60

AP Women's Top 25 The top 25 teams in The Associated Press' women's college basketball poll, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 27, total points based on 25 points for a first-place vote through on point for a 25th-place vote and last week's

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	Record	Pts	Ρ
L LSU (45) 2. Stanford	27-1	1.125	1
2. Stanford	26-2	1.061	3
3. Ohio St.	27-3	976	- 4
I. North Carolina	24-3	920	8
5. Tennessee 5. Duke	23-4	915	5
5. Duke	26-3	909	2
. Baylor	23-3	887	6
3. Michigan St.	25-3	881 796	6
9. Rutaers	22-5	796	9
). Notre Dame	24-4	746	10
L. Texas 2. DePaul	19-7	618	13
2. DePaul	24-3	603	
3. Texas Tech	21-5	568	14
1. Connecticut	19-7	534	11

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# **Dubai Duty Free Open**

First Round
Zheng Jie, China, def. Anabel Medina Garrigues, Spain, 7-6 (4), 6-2.
Nathalie Dechy (7), France, def. Vera
Douchevina, Russia, 6-7 (1), 6-4, 7-6 (4).

EC tournament No. 8 Michigan State vs. Illinois or North-vestern, Big Ten tournament No. 12 DePaul vs. East Carolina or Memvestern, Big Ten tournamen. No. 12 DePaul vs. East Carolina or Mem-his, CUSA tournament No. 15 Minnesota vs. Purdue, Big Ten tournament No. 18 Vanderbilt vs. Mississippi State or Arkansas, SEC tournament No. 21 Georgia vs. Mississippi or South Carolina, SEC tournament Carolina, SEC töurnament No. 23 Penn State vs. Iowa or Michigan, Big Ten tournament No. 24 x-Gonzaga vs. Pepperdine or Saint Mary's, Calif., WCC tournament No. 25 Maryland vs. Clemson, ACC tourna-

#### Monday's women's scores

Pittsburgh 80, Providence 43 St. Francis, Pa. 63, Long Island U. 53 SOUTH

Alabama A&M 70, Prairie View 66 Alabama St. 66, Texas Southern 54 Delaware St. 53, Hampton 15 Florida A&M 65, S. Carolina St. 51 Grambling St. 70, MVSU 63 Howard 64, Norfolk St. 49 Liberty 79, Winthrop 26 Maryland 87, N. Colorado 79 Md. Fastern Shore at Morgan St. n. Liberty 79, Winthrop 26 Maryland 87, N. Colorado 79 Md.-Eastern Shore at Morgan St., ppd. N. Carolina A&T 54, Bethune-Cookman 47

N. Carolina A&T 54, Bethuffe-Cookman 47 N.C. State 69, Clemson 45 N.C. Asheville 68, Charleston Southern 54 N.C. Asheville 68, Charleston Southern 54 N. Kentucky 74, Fla. International 57 Chicago 51, 75, C. MIDWEST Ark.-Pine Bluff 59, Jackson 51, 55 FAR WEST ARK 1971 Published 51, 1971 Publi

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UC Davis 69, Pacific 50
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GAA Tournament
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Johnson C. Smith 66, Saint Faul's S
A. Augustine S-S, Virginia St. 66
Heart of America Alhaelic Conference
Frange 17, William Bowle
Mid-Central College-Conference
Language Conference
Wild-Cournament
Chair St. 70, David & Elistins S1
Glerville St. 70, David & Elistins S1
Glerville St. 70, David & Elistins S1
Glerville St. 70, David & Elistins S1
Way Ya. Weigelyan 76, Ohio Valley S1 Shepherd 69, Alderson-Broaddus 53 W. Va. Weslevan 76, Ohio Valley 51 W. Virginia St. 59, WVU Tech 54 West Liberty 85, Concord 56 Wheeling Jesuit 87, Salem International 51

## Tennis

Tuesday At Dubai Tennis Stadium Jubai, United Arab Emirat Purse: \$1 million (Tier II) Surface: Hard-Outdoor

Singles First Round a, def. Anabel Medina Garri-

MURRAY, JUST WANNA TELL DON'T WASTE MY TIME WITH NO Li Na, China, def. Al Suglyama, Japan, 1-6, 7-6 (4), 6-7 Li Na. China. def. Ai Sugivama, Japan. 1-6.

Sania Mirza, India, def. Svetlana Nuzireus-va (4), Russia, 6-4, 6-7. Jelena Jankovic, Serbia-Montenegro, def. Silvia Farina Elia, Italy, 4-6, 7-5, 6-1. Monday Singles First Round

Singles First Round Conchita Martinez, Spain, def. Shinobu Asagoe, Japan, 6-1,6-4, Sania Mirza, India, def. Jelena Kostanic, Croatia, 6-7 (2), 6-4, 6-1, Jelena Jankovic, Serbia-Montenegro, def. Jelena Jankovic, Serbia-Montenegro, def. aola Suarez, Argentina, 6-3, 6-1. Silvia Farina Elia, Italy, def. Venus Williams i), United States, 7-5, 7-6 (6). Patty Schnyder (8), Switzerland, def. lagdalena Maleeva, Bulgaria, 7-6 (1), 6-2.

# College baseball

#### Monday's scores

SOUTH Georgia College 6-5. NW Missouri St. 4-6 Michigan 4, Florida Atlantic 1 Mount St. Mary's 7, Maine 5 St. Leo 18-3, Lenoir-Rhyne 11-2 SOUTHWEST Oklahoma I. Illinois 7
Texas Lutheran I.6-9, Schreiner 2-2
Texas-Tyler 5-8, Mary Hardin-Baylor 2-3
TOURNAMENT
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Aggie Baseball Classic
Washington 4-0, San Diego 1-3
Texas A&M 3-10, Evansville 0-2
IMG Academy Tourname
Northwestern 1, Seton Hall 6
Northeastern 5, Seton Hall 0

#### College hockey

#### NCAA Division I poll

MINNEAPOLIS (AP) — Top teams in the NCAA Division I men's ice hockey poll, com-piled by U.S. College Hockey Online, with first-place votes in parentheses, records through Feb. 27, points, and previous rank-

Record Pts Pvs 25- 6-3 556 2 22- 4-3 553 2 23- 8-2 523 1 24- 7-3 488 4 20- 6-6 470 5 21-10-3 339 6 21-2-8-4 334 7 1. Colorado College (12) 2. Cornell (21) 3. Denver (4) 4. Michigan (3) 5. Boston College 6. Wisconsin New Hampshire
Ohio State
Minnesote 22- 8-4 23- 8-3 22-12-1 20-11-3 18- 8-3 334 7 319 8 274 12 212 9 186 11 10. Boston University 11. Harvard 18-10-6 19- 9-4 18- 9-7 17-10-2 North D 171 14 117 10 91 15 55 — 12. Maine 13. Mass.-Lowell 14. Northern Michigan lortner.... Partmouth hers receiving votes:

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#### Spring training

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omen's National Basketball Association Women's National Basketball Association CONNECTICUT SUN—Signed Mike Thibault, coach, and Scott Hawk and Bernadette Mat-tox, assistant coaches, to contract exten-sions through the 2008 season, Re-signed F-Le'Coe Willingham and G Jennifer Derevjan-000.00 ŏ

ik.
FOOTBALL
National Football League
ATLANTA FALCONS—Released S Cory Hall,
DE Travis Hall and DT Ed Jasper.
CAROLINA PANTHERS—Released QB Rodney Peete and G Doug Brzeziński.
CHICAGO BEARS—Released WR David TerCHICAGO BEARS—Released WR David Terrell. CLEVELAND BROWNS—Released S Robert Griffith. Named Mike Haluchak linebackers

coach.

DETROIT LIONS—Agreed to terms with C
Dominic Raiola on a five-year contract.

NEW ENGLAND PATRIOTS—Released LB oman Phifer. SAN DIEGO CHARGERS—Released DT Jason

COLLEGE
CINCINNATI—Announced junior G Chadd

CINCINNATI—Announced jurior G Chadd Moore has left the mer's basketball team. GEORGE WASHINGTON—Signed Karl Forest Committee of the Committee oach.

OHIO STATE—Named Paul Haynes defen-

sive backs coach.

VMI—Announced that Bart Bellairs, men's basketball coach, has been reassigned to other duties within the athletic department.

WITTENBERG—Named Diana Kuser field hockey coach.





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# **Suit against Romanowski** by ex-Raider heads to trial

OAKLAND, Calif. - Former Raiders linebacker Bill Romanowski ended Marcus Williams' NFL career two years ago when he ripped off his teammate's helmet and punched the second-year tight end in the face during a practice drill, Williams' at-torney told a jury Tuesday.

During opening statements in the trial of Williams' multimillion dollar lawsuit against Romanows-ki, lawyer James Brosnahan said the linebacker struck Williams with such force that it broke the tight end's left eye socket with a "sickening sound"

that could be heard 15 yards away.

"This case is about brutal violence beyond the rules of football," Brosnahan

NFL briefs said

Williams. \$300,000 a season with the Raid-ers, is seeking damages of \$3.8 million for alleged battery, negli-

gence and intentional infliction of emotional distress. The blow he took Aug. 24, 2003, injured his brain. His football career ended at

His attorney spent much of his 90-minute opening statement showing video highlights of Williams' foot-ball career, starting with his days at Berkeley High School, continuing through his college years at Washington State and culminating with his brief time with the Raiders

Romanowski's lawyer, Jeffrey Springer, told jurors that Williams wasn't attacked from behind but actively engaged in a fight with his teammate.
"They got locked up in mutual combat," Springer

Springer also suggested that Williams' lawsuit was motivated by money, and that Williams deliberately undermined cognitive tests done to gauge the extent of his brain injury by smoking marijuana.

"This case is about a payday," Springer said.
Romanowski, 38, known for fanatical behavior during his 16 NFL seasons, apologized publicly sev-



eral days after the altercation. "I hold myself accountable, Romanowski said afterward "It was a classless move by me

Attorneys for Romanowski have asked the Raiders to pay for any damages the jury awards. "We're not responsible for what he did," Raiders attorney Jeff Birren said in a telephone interview.

Romanowski, released by the Raiders last March after failing

a physical, has a long history of scrapes with opponents and others Williams played in 13 games as an undrafted free

agent as a rookie during the team's Super Bowl season. He was used primarily on special teams but was trying to earn a regular position before the injury.

#### **Bucs' Dwight Smith charged** with pulling pellet gun on fans

TAMPA, Fla. — Tampa Bay Buccaneers safety Dwight Smith was arrested early Tuesday and charged with a pulling a pellet gun on two fans who approached his car while he waited in line at a Mc-Donald's window.

Smith, a star in the Super Bowl two years ago, was inside his car with a friend at 4 a.m. when a woman in the car ahead of them recognized the player, the Hillsborough County sheriff's office said

Two men in the car, Trevor Boyce Jr., 19, and Javier Joseph Jr., 22, walked to Smith's car and tried to talk to him, officials added. Smith became annoyed and drew the pellet gun but did not shoot it, officials said. David Roston, Smith's 26-year-old friend, got out of the car and punched Boyce, officials said.

Boyce and Joseph got back in their car and called 911. Deputies arrived and arrested Smith, charging him with aggravated assault with a weapon. Roston was charged with battery. Bail and attorney information was not immediately available.

# Report: More allegations of sexual assault at CU

DENVER - Two female athletic trainers told a grand jury investigating the University of Colorado football recruiting scandal that they were sexually assaulted by an assistant coach, according to a report obtained by The Den-ver Post and KUSA-TV. The panel's investigation also

uncovered a "slush fund" financed by coach Gary Barnett's Football Technique School.

One of the women also said she was "coerced to perform sexual favors for players and recruits re peatedly over a two-year period according to the report obtained Monday. The woman said she was pressured to have sex with a recruit in a hotel room full of players. It wasn't immediately clear why the panel failed to issue more indictments.

Money was kept in "16 or 17" cash boxes, with each managed by a different person with little

oversight, the Post reported. CU director of football opera tions David Hansburg "told the grand jury that up to \$2,500 could be missing, but not missed," the report says. "All funds were available to employees of the football program" and "all funds were available to coach Barnett to use

in his discretion Barnett told the grand jury that "the school received only income from the registration fees of (foot-

ball camp) participants," the re-

The grand jury, which finished meeting Aug. 19, handed up just one indictment, accusing former football recruiting aide Nathan Maxcey of soliciting for a prosti tute for himself. Former call girl Pasha Cowan has said Maycey paid her \$2,500 for three call girls to visit "very young, very athletic men" at Boulder-area hotels. though Maxcey has said any solicitation was for him.

The report concurred with an independent commission's finding last year that players used sex, alcohol and marijuana as recruiting tools without the football staff encouraging or sanctioning it. But the report said, officials' de nial of knowledge about the practices "demonstrates either conscious disregard of these circumstances or a lack of oversight of recruiting practices."

In a statement provided by the CU athletic department, Barnett said: "I am sure there are things I'd like to refute, but since this has to do directly with the grand jury investigation, I am bound by law that I would not discuss my testimony or anything that was discussed by or included in the grand jury report."

#### Report: Lemieux likely to skip hockey world championships

PITTSBURGH — Mario Le-mieux will likely skip the upcoming hockey world championships in Austria, but the player-owner of the Pittsburgh Penguins hasn't ruled it out completely.

Lemieux told The Pittsburgh Post-Gazette that it would be difficult for him to get ready for the tournament that runs from April 30-May 15 since he hasn't played this season due to the NHL lock-

"I'm not sure it would be in my best interest - or in Team Cana da's best interest - to have play-

#### Sports briefs

ers there who haven't played the whole year," Lemieux told the newspaper. "That's the way I feel now. Maybe I'll change my mind, but it would be very difficult to play at that level, not having played the whole year.

300 players joined leagues in Europe to wait out the lockout that forced the NHL to cancel its entire season

#### Skier Knauss banned 18 months for doping

OBERHOFEN, Switzerland -Austrian skier Hans Knauss was banned for 11/2 years by the sport's international federation Tuesday after testing positive for the steroid nandrolone

The ban covers the 2006 Turin Olympics and could end the 33-year-old skier's career. Knauss has won seven World Cup races in 14 seasons and was a giant slalom silver medalist in the 2003 world championships.

Knauss' lawyer, Christian Flick, said he would appeal in an attempt to reduce the ban to a

"Our aim is still to get Hans back on the slopes as quickly as possible." Flick told The Associated Press. "Eighteen months is not the two-year ban usually applied for doping cases.

Knauss had faced a possible two-year ban, but the federation doping panel ruled he did not act

### Europe might select next two Ryder Cup captains

LONDON - Ian Woosnam and Nick Faldo might be picked this week as Europe's Ryder Cup cap-tains: the Welshman for 2006 and

the Englishman for 2008. The European Tour's tournament committee could make th unprecedented double appointment on Wednesday in Dubai on the eve of the Desert Classic.

Selecting both would be a compromise to avoid snubbing Faldo The 47-year-old Englishman is

the most successful British golfer of his generation, with victories in six majors and 11 appearances in the Ryder Cup.
Woosnam, who turns 47 on

Wednesday, is the 1991 Masters champion and an eight-time Ryder Cup player. He was an assistant to Sam Torrance on the 2002 European team and is widely favored to lead the team for

#### Kuznetsova unse by wild card in Dubai

DUBAI, United Arab Emirates U.S. Open champion Svetlana Kuznetsova lost in the second round of the Dubai Open on Tues day a 6-4, 6-2 defeat to Indian wild card Sania Mirza. Mirza, who last month became

the first Indian woman to win a the first Indian woman to win a WTA Tour title, is ranked No. 97. Kuznetsova, a Russian ranked No. 7, was last year's Dubai runner-up and had a first-round bye.

Also ousted was sixth-seeded Alicia Molik of Australia, who was stopped by Daniela Hantuchova of Slovakia 7-6 (8), 6-2 in the first round. Molik was the Qatar Open runner-up last week-





# **Duncan sends Gund out with familiar loss**

The Associated Press

CLEVELAND - Gordon Gund's last game as owner of the Cleveland Cavaliers had a familiar ending: a buzzer-beating shot by a star player. A stunned crowd. A loss

Tim Duncan made a wide-open 19-foot jumper just before the final horn sounded, giving the San Antonio Spurs a 94-92 victory Monday night over the Cavaliers, who hoped to send Gund off as a winner.

Instead, Gund's finale as majority owner

was painfully fitting. During his 22 seasons with the Cavaliers, his teams were beaten by some big shots, most notably Michael Jordan's jump er over Craig Ehlo in the first round of the 1989 Eastern Conference playoffs for the Chicago Bulls.

Duncan's completes a vicious cycle. "We were able to take them down to the wire," LeBron James said. "That was a

great effort for us." Duncan's game-winning shot concluded night that started miserably for the All-Star forward. He missed his first seven shots and didn't score in the first 19 minutes. But with the game on the line, Duncan took a pass from Tony Parker, gath-ered himself and calmly knocked down his winner without a hand in his face

"We run that play a billion times." Dun-

NRΔ roundup

can said. "So we're very comfortable with The shot felt good. Half-way there, I knew it was."

After going 0-for-7 Duncan went 9-for-10 from the floor, finishing with 20 points and 11 rebounds. Parker added 19 points, eight rebounds and 10 assists — none bigger than his short pass to Duncan after drawing Cavs center Zydru-

nas Ilgauskas on a pick-and-roll. "I couldn't make anything early," said Duncan, who went 9-for-28 in a loss at Cleveland last season. "I had some good shots and good looks, but nothing was going down for me. I was just going to stay with it

During his final timeout, San Antonio coach Gregg Popovich set up the play with Duncan as the first option. As it turned out, there was no need to go over any others.

"Tony ran it perfectly." Popovich said. 'He was to look first to Tim, then if he wasn't open drive to the middle and either take it to the rim and try to create or find [Brent] Barry in the corner.

Ilgauskas had 26 points and LeBron James finished with 20 points, eight rebounds and seven assists for the Cavaliers, who have lost four of five and are entering a tough stretch of upcoming games.

Manu Ginobili, who finished with 17 points, could have put the Spurs up by four points, but missed a pair of free throws

with 19.2 seconds to go.

The Cavaliers called timeout and after an inbounds play, Spurs center Rasho Nesterovic left Ilgauskas wide open under-neath. James whipped a pass to Cleveland's big man, whose dunk tied it 92-92 with 14.2 seconds remaining.

The Spurs still had more than enough time to give their star a chance to win it.

Cleveland's defense was late rotating toward Duncan, who had time to set his feet, measure the distance and drill it. San Antonio's bench erupted onto the Gund Arena

floor and swarmed Duncan.

Knicks 117. Lakers 115 (OT): Tim Tho mas scored a season-high 35 points, and the Knicks recovered after blowing a 10-point lead at home in the final 46 seconds of regulation.

The victory was the third straight for the Knicks, matching their longest winning streak of the season. New York remained in last place in the Atlantic Division, but pulled within five games of the first-place Boston Celtics.

Kobe Bryant forced overtime by making a three-pointer with 4.4 seconds left in regulation, and scored 30 points with eight assists and five rebounds.

Michael Sweetney tied his career high with 19 points and grabbed a career-high

12 rebounds. Jazz 87. Clippers 86: Mehmet Okur converted a three-point play with 21.7 seconds remaining and Utah held for the home vic-

tory when Los Angeles' Bobby Simmons missed a layup at the buzzer. The Jazz won back-to-back games for the first time in a month and a half.

With the win, Utah's Jerry Sloan passed Dick Motta for seventh in NBA coaching victories with 636 Simmons led the Clippers with 17 points,

including a three-pointer to get Los Angeles within a point in the last 10 seconds. Mayericks 90. Hornets 86: At Dallas. Dirk Nowitzki scored 28 points, including a key jumper and two free throws in the final

minute, and the Mavericks hung on to beat the team with the worst record in the Western Conference. The Mavericks have won seven of eight. Nowitzki, who's been bothered by a sore right hamstring, had 13 points in the final

quarter. In Tuesday's early game:

Grizzlies 99, Warriors 97: At Memphis, Tenn., Mike Miller stole a pass by Jason Richardson, then hit two free throws with 10.4 seconds left, and the Grizzlies held off Golden State

#### NBA scoreboard

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#### CLEVELAND - Detroit mort-

gage magnate Dan Gilbert assumed majority ownership of the Cleveland Cavaliers on Tuesday taking over a once troubled NBA franchise saved by LeBron James

Gilbert, who turned a \$5,000 in vestment in the 1980s into an online banking empire, bought the Cavaliers for \$375 million from Gordon Gund. The 42-year-old Gilbert heads a principal owner-ship group that includes Grammy Award-winning R&B Usher; business partner David Katzman; and Gund, who will retain at least a 10-percent stake

Founder of Ouicken Loans, Gilbert needed approval of only the NBA's board of governors to complete the transaction and take over day-to-day management of the team and the operating rights to the 20,000-seat downtown arena. That consent finally came Tuesday.

"It's a privilege and honor to be the owner of the Cleveland Cavaliers." Gilbert said at a news conference also attended by Gund, Usher and Katzman. "We expect to build a world class organization here. Not just on the court, but everywhere."

Gilbert's pursuit of the Cava-liers began last summer, shortly after James almost single-handed ly rescued the club from financial hardship as a rookie by bringing fans back to Gund Arena and lead ing the Cavs to 35 wins - 18 more than the previous year.

Cleveland's jump of more than 6,000 fans per game was the largest turnaround in league history. the Cavaliers are on the brink of getting back into the playoffs for the first time since 1998

Gilbert said Usher would be in volved in the entertainment asnect of the team and running its downtown arena, which also hosts concerts.



Cavs control turned over to Gilbert

Usher said he wanted to "turn this thing up a notch if we can."

#### Mourning finally signs with Heat MIAMI - Alonzo Mourning and the Miami Heat finally are to-

gether again. Mourning signed a contract Tuesday and practiced with the team in Miami, where he spent eight seasons - a stint twice interrupted by kidney disease. He's expected to make about \$325,000 for the rest of the season, based on a prorated share of the \$1.1 million minimum veteran con-

Mourning might be in uniform Thursday when Miami visits New Jersev. He averaged 10.4 points and 7.1 rebounds in 18 games for the Nets earlier this season.

To clear space for seven-time All-Star, M Miami waived forward Wesley Person, who played only 27 minutes since Dec. 4 and was displeased with his diminished role

The Mourning deal has been long expected, but was delayed by negotiations with Person on a buyout.

#### Bryant deposition delay prompts settlement speculation

DENVER — Attorneys in the sexual assault lawsuit against Kobe Bryant said Monday a long-awaited deposition by the NBA star was postponed, prompting speculation a settlement is in the works

Bryant was to face a full day of questioning on Friday by L. Lin Wood and John Clune, attorneys for Bryant's 20-year-old accuser, but Wood said the session was called off after his team arrived in Orange County, Calif., for the

The deposition - where attorneys question a party to a lawsuit before trial, without a judge present - would have been the first time Bryant had spoken under oath about what happened.

Wood declined further comment. Clune and Bryant's lead attorney Pamela Mackey did not immediately return calls.

"It sounds like somebody's talking numbers," said veteran plain-tiff's attorney Mel Hewitt of Atlanta. "We do that in a lot of cases. We'll push for the deposition knowing they don't want to talk to us and honefully that makes some. body want to drag their checkbook out."

He said the deposition might also have been postponed for a simpler reason, such as an illness

U.S. District Judge Richard Matsch previously refused to bar the woman's lawyers from asking Bryant about his sexual history. He said he would handle any objections to the questions afterward

Denver attorney Dan Recht said that ruling may help put pressure on Bryant to settle.

"In this case, because of the publicity value of it all, it does in fact apply pressure to the defendant to consider serious negotiations." Recht said.

#### Clippers claim K. Anderson SALT LAKE CITY - The Los

Angeles Clippers claimed veteran point guard Kenny Anderson off waivers on Monday. Anderson was waived by Atlan-

ta on Thursday, the same day the Hawks sent Antoine Walker to Boston in a trade with the Celtics.

Anderson averaged just 18.4 minutes in 39 games for the Hawks this season. Anderson has averaged 12.6 points and 6.1 assists in his 14-year career with the Trail Blazers, Nets, Celtics, Hornets and Pacers.

# **Ankiel shaky in second spring session**

Just days after he had batters flailing, it was Rick Ankiel who

was struggling. The St. Louis Cardinals left-hander threw just three strikes in 26 batting practice pitches Monday, a big drop-off from Friday, when he faced hitters for the first time in spring training and stymied hitters in a 40-nitch session

Spring training roundup

Ankiel refused to place too much importance on his

ing the plate. "I'm a little frustrated, but I have to think

positive," Ankiel said from training camp in Jupiter, Fla. Trying to earn a spot on the

staff, he had looked steady in earlier outings. But he couldn't match that Monday.

"He was a little out of whack, but he wasn't missing by much," Cardinals manager Tony La Russa said. "That happens to a lot of pitchers. It isn't anything that we are worried about.

Ankiel arrived in 2000 at age 19 with a mid-90s fastball and a nasty curve that then-teammate Mark McGwire nicknamed the 'snapdragon.'

He earned 11 victories and recorded more than a strikeout per inning before wildness and an elbow injury derailed his career

for nearly three seasons.

During the 2000 playoffs, he threw nine wild pitches and walked four batters in four innings. Then came two elbow injuries, the second requiring reconstructive surgery that forced him out for a year.

Ankiel appeared in five late-season games last year and earned his first victory since early in the 2001 season. La Russa briefly considered him for the postseason roster, but the Cardinals reached the World Series without him. Their run ended when they

were swept in four straight by the Boston Red Sox.

Also, closer Jason Isringhausen, who had hip joint surgery in the offseason, threw batting practice for 15 minutes. Outfielder



Cardinals pitcher Rick Ankiel struggled from the mound on Monday after a solid outing last Friday.

Larry Walker, who has been nursing a sore back, took part in drills and batting practice

At Tampa, Fla., the Yankees an-nounced Tuesday that Randy Johnson will miss his first scheduled spring training start on Thursday because of tightness in his left calf

The problem is not considered serious, and the left-hander is expected to be ready for what would have been his second start on Tuesday

"I'm not concerned about him not at all," Yankees owner George Steinbrenner said Johnson first experienced tight-

ness in the calf last week, and the injury reoccurred during fielding drills Monday.

"This is not that big of a deal," Johnson said. "If I had to pitch today. I could have. Meanwhile, Gary Sheffield said

he isn't interested in extending his contract with the New York Yankees.

The slugging right fielder is in the second season of a \$39 million, three-year contract. The Yankees have a \$13 million option for the 2007 season, and Sheffield wants to wait for this contract to run out before considering a new

"I don't want one," Sheffield said Monday. "When this is over, that's it When this deal is done I don't look past it. I can't predict if somebody is going to want me New York closer Mariano Riv-

era is also working his way back. He threw 43 pitches in his first batting practice session Monday, and could pitch in a spring training game next week.

At Fort Myers, Fla., Red Sox right-hander Wade Miller, who hasn't thrown off a mound since

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last August because of a rotator cuff injury, long-tossed from 210

He expects to throw an abbrevi ated bullpen session Tuesday. "They want to take it slow, they don't want to rush me," Miller said. "So in the back of their

minds, the safest thing is probably starting the season on the DL and getting some work in down here Meanwhile third baseman Rill

Mueller is well ahead of schedule as he recovers from arthroscopic surgery on his right knee. He expected to play in exhibition games around March 10.

At Clearwater, Fla., Phillies learned Tuesday that right-hand-er Vicente Padilla will be sidelined for two weeks after an MRI on Monday confirmed he has triceps tendinitis. He missed two months of the

The 27-year-old is scheduled to be Philadelphia's No. 2 starter. but will need a speedy recovery if he is to pitch in the opening series against the Washington Nation-

If Padilla isn't ready, Gavin Floyd, Philadelphia's top pitching prospect, has the inside track to replace him in the rotation.

At Dunedin, Fla., Toronto manager John Gibbons said the Blue Jays will carry 12 pitchers this season, and only one spot is still open in the bullnen.

Billy Koch, Scott Schoeneweis, Jason Frasor, Kerry Ligtenberg, Brandon League and closer Justin Speier have already locked up

The Blue Jays also learned that left-hander Ted Lilly (tendinitis in his left shoulder) could start throwing as early as Sunday.

At Peoria, Ariz., injury-prone Mariners outfielder Chris Snelling will undergo surgery Wednesday to repair a torn cartilage in his left knee. He's expected to be out of action for six weeks.

Snelling tore a ligament in the same knee during the 2001 sea-son and missed the entire 2004 season because of operations on his right hand and wrist

At Tempe, Ariz., newly appointed Angels closer Frankie Rodriguez finally arrived at spring training after resolving visa problems in his native Venezuela

Rodriguez, 23, inherited the role from longtime closer Troy Percival, who signed with the Detroit Tigers.

At Surprise, Ariz., Pedro Astacio and Ricardo Rodriguez, pitchers the Texas Rangers hope will their starting rotation, threw scoreless innings in the first intrasquad game of the

Rodriguez's season ended in July last year when his right elbow was broken by a line drive. 35-year-old Astacio, right-hander with one start since shoulder surgery in 2003, signed as a free agent. He threw 13 pitches, allowing only a one-out double

to outfielder Ramon Nivar. He got his outs on a grounder and two flyballs.



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# **Chaney won't coach Temple in A-10 tournament**

### Hall of Famer extends self-imposed ban stemming from injury to St. Joe's player

BY DAN GELSTON The Associated Press

PHILADELPHIA - John Chaney extended his suspension by banning himself from the Temple sidelines for the Atlantic 10 tournament

The Hall of Famer continued a week of apologies and punishments Monday when he announced he won't return after the school's three-game suspension ends with the close of the regular

"I believe the fair thing is for me not to coach during the Atlantic 10 championship tournament in Cincinnati." the 73-year-old Chaney said in a statement.

Chaney first suspended himself for one game and then had the school extend it to three games over his ordering rough play from one of his players in a recent game that resulted in an injury to senior John Bryant of Saint Josenh's

If the Owls reach the A-10 championship game, there's a chance they could play the Hawks again.

"Now, when we go to our championship, it will be one less distraction," Atlantic 10 Commis-

sioner Linda Bruno said Monday. Maybe, but Chaney vs. the Hawks seems far from over. Saint



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telli, quick-quipped Hawks coach, has refused to comment and declined to participate in Monday's A-10 coaches' teleconference - the same one on which Chaney last week threatened to take action if the Hawks continued setting what he thought were illegal screens

Chanev followed through on his threat, using Nehemiah Ingram to "send a message." Ingram fouled out in four minutes, including the hit on Bryant that left the senior sprawled on the court for several minutes. An MRI later revealed he had a broken arm that ended his season and college ca-

Chaney had apologized to Bryant and his family and offered to pay his medical bills. Chaney on Monday apologized again in a statement to Bryant, both schools and the conference

"Last week, my words and actions were wrong, wrong, wrong, he said.

"I never intended - nor did any of my players intend - for anyone to be injured, regardless of what may have been said emotionally before, during and after the game," Chaney said. "But the unfortunate fact is that John Bryant was injured. I have taken full responsibility for my words and actions, and have apologized from my heart.

Bruno said there were no plans to take action against Ingram, who apologized after Saturday's

Chaney is still coaching the Owls at practice, though he won't attend any games. Assistant Dan Leibovitz is coaching the team.

The Owls (14-11, 10-6) clinched a tie for second place in the Atlantic 10 East Division. A Temple win or a Fordham loss will earn the Owls a first-round bye in the conference tournament

A Temple spokesman did not know if Chaney would be allowed to coach in the postseason. Th Owls could earn an automatic bid to the NCAA tournament by winning the A-10 title. Even if the Owls lost their last three games, they would finish with a .500 record and be eligible for the NIT.

Bruno said it would be up to



Temple assistant Dan Leibovitz, above, who is coaching the Owls during John Chaney's absence, guided the team to a 61-48 win over Massachusetts on Saturday. Chaney is still coaching the Owls in practice.

Chaney or Temple to decide if the coach should continue in the post-

Chaney avoids another distraction in returning to Cincinnati for the conference tournament. Last

month, Chaney scolded the people of Ohio, the state that helped President Bush win re-election with 20 electoral votes, saying, "It's not the people I hate, it's what they did that I hate.

# Not all schools give NCAA report high marks

#### New formula creates accountability for academic progress of college athletes

BY MICHAEL MAROT The Associated Press

INDIANAPOLIS - The NCAA had barely released its first report on teams' academic progress rates when the complaints began.

"We'd be remiss if we didn't express at least some concern that there are any number of flaws in this methodology," Oklahoma athletic director Joe Castiglione said.

The NCAA wants to hold schools more accountable for academic progress of student-athletes with a formula that tracks eligibility and retention. According to the report released Monday, half of the 328 Division I schools have at least one team that could face sanctions.

Programs can lose scholarships for up to one year; no team can lose more than 10 percent of what

"This represents the implementation of the most far-reaching academic reform in decades," NCAA President Myles Brand said. "It holds schools accountable for the performance of their student-athletes.'

The new calculation generates a score between 0 and 1,000; penalties are assessed beginning with teams that drop below 925.

The number is determined by a points formula that rewards long-term eligibility and retention of student-athletes. Programs can lose points when athletes transfer, drop out, leave for the pros or become academically ineligible while still at the school

Under the formula, athletes receive one point each semester for staying academically eligible and another point for staying in school. For instance, a perfect score for a 13-member basketball team at a semester school would

The total number of points a team actually receives is divided by the maximum possible total to get a percentage, which is converted to the 1000-point scale. No team can lose more than 10 percent of what it offers.

Some teams below the cutline will not be penalized because of a statistical adjustment that will help eliminate anomalies for teams with fewer athletes. Others can apply for a waiver.

At Oklahoma, the baseball, wrestling and men's and women's indoor track teams scored lower than the 92.5 percent mark.

"They're going to get a lot of waivers," said Gerald Gurney, Oklahoma's associate athletic director for academic affairs. "Any system that creates such a bureaucracy that you have huge numbers of waivers and very few people understand, you have a prob-

At Maryland-Baltimore Coun-

#### NCAA issues report card to sports teams

According to the NCAA's new measurement of student-athletes known as the Academic Progress Rate (APR), 7.2 percent of the 5.720 Division I men's and women's snorts teams could fall below the 925-point cutline - equivalent to a 50 percent graduation rate.

Football

#### Average APR for sports with more than 200 teams not requiring changes

961 Golf

955 Tennis

Men's sports

923 Football 923 Basketball 922 Baseball Women's snorts 970 Soccer 967 Tennis 965 Volleyball 964 Softball 956 Basketball

Men's basketball Baseball Percentage of teams with an APR below 925 19%

Average APR comparison Public (Private) 913 (949)

910 (948)

Source: NCAA

925 cutline

ty, the men's indoor track team scored an extremely low 600 - a figure athletic director Charles Brown had already told NCAA officials was wrong.

"To be considered well below the cutline is very embarrassing and it hurts our recruiting, Brown said. "It's extremely upsetting that the NCAA released some thing when they know there are some flaws. This is an honors institution."
The three sports that could be

most affected are football, base ball and men's basketball. The NCAA estimates that 25 percent of football programs, 23 percent of baseball teams and 19 percent of men's basketball programs could face scholarship losses.

Football, baseball and men's basketball were the only sports with averages below the 925-point cutline. Baseball teams averaged 922, while football and men's basketball were at 923

The most prominent programs that appeared in trouble were the men's basketball teams at Fresno State and Baylor. Fresno State received a 611, while Baylor scored 647 — a figure affected by the transfer of several players after the 2003 shooting death of Patrick Dennehy. Only one of those players remains on the team.

"If it were necessary to consider a waiver, we would do so," Baylor athletic director Ian McCaw said. "Hopefully at this point, our program is in good academic condition, and it won't become an issue for us

McCaw also said he wouldn't contest the numbers that were mailed to schools last week

Some numbers appeared inac-curate to university leaders, and there appeared to be more problems with the track calculations

Houston's women's cross country team and the men's indoor track teams at Eastern Michigan and Seton Hall all scored zero NCAA officials acknowledged

during the conference call that errors might have occurred or there might be just one athlete on

Schools can submit amended forms in March, with results ex-

Associated Press writer Jeff Latzke in Oklahoma contributed to this report.

# **Sooners put Longhorns on the hot seat**



Texas' Jason Klotz is impeded by Oklahoma's Kevin Bookout, left, and Johnnie Gilbert during the Sooners' 74-58 victory in Austin on Monday. Texas (19-9) is 8-7 in the Big 12 and 1-4 against ranked teams.

# NCAA bid no longer a sure thing for Texas

AUSTIN, Texas - With a rugged win over a tough rival, No. 20 Oklahoma earned an extra day of

nest in the nost-For the Texas Longhorns, the Sooners' 74-58 victory Monday

night means more worrying about where their postseason will take them. Lawrence McKenzie scored 16 points as the Sooners muscled

nast the Longhorns for their fifth straight win in a game that featured the physical play typical of one of the Big 12's most intense ri-

sure," Oklahoma coach Kelvin Sampson said. "It saved us a lot of nights "McKenzie's

Oklahoma (22-6, 11-4) clinched a bye in the first round of the Big 12 tournament and stayed within a game of conference leader Kansas. David Godbold added 14 points for the Sooners.

right now," Oklahoma center Johnnie Gilbert said. "We're just playing on a high right now.

win to solidify an at-large bid to the NCAA tournament.

"This is our best road win for

"I feel good about this team Texas (19-9, 8-7) badly needed

The Longhorns can finish no worse than .500 in league play, but are just 5-6 over the past five

weeks since losing P.J. Tucker, their best player, for the season

because of academic problems. Texas is 1-4 against ranked opponents and ends the regular season on the road against the team they beat, No. 8 Oklahoma State.

That was Tucker's last game 'It's disappointing," coach Rick Barnes said. "I think we all know we're at the point in time we need eight guys to show up to play. We had half the guys do that.

Sampson knows how tenuous the NCAA tournament situation is for Texas. Like the Sooners last vear. Texas has had injuries de-

plete its lineup "We were 8-8 last year and we didn't get in," Sampson said.

Then, he all but lobbied for his

rival as he left the postgame inter-"I hope they go. They deserve to go," he said. "They've just had

bad luck." power on the boards and speed in transition. The Sooners dominated the rebounding 39-29 and scored

23 points off 15 Texas turnovers. "I don't think there's any ques tion they're a more athletic team," Barnes said. "It got into a jumping contest at times and they got more possessions."

Defensively, the Sooners locked down Longhorns guard Daniel Gibson for most of the game, denving him drives to the basket and shooter until late in the game.

Gibson, one of top freshmen in the country, led Texas with 16 points, but his five turnovers matched his assists and he was just 4-of-14 shooting

Oklahoma established control midway through the first half with a 13-0 run and led 39-29 at halftime

Another Sooners run to open the second half sent the Longhorns scrambling to catch up the rest of the game.

No. 12 Gonzaga 87, N. Colo rado 60: At Spokane, Wash., Ronny Turiaf scored 22 points and Gonzaga wrapped up its regular season with its 10th consecutive victory

Gonzaga (23-4) went 13-0 in the new McCarthey Athletic Center this season, and has a 25-game winning ond-longest in the nation to Oklahoma State's 28

Turiaf, playing his final home game, added eight rebounds for Gonzaga, which is 37-0 at home

when ranked. The Bulldogs, who won the West Coast Conference, next play in the semifinals of the league tournament on Sunday at Santa Clara.

Kirk Archibeque had 17 points for Northern Colorado (8-20), a Division I independent, which 33 percent, including 2-for-20 from three-point range.

**Blockage:** BC defeated for

# Air Force handles San Diego St.

SAN DIEGO - Antoine Hood scored 17 of his 20 points in the second half and Jacob Burtschi added 15 points to lead Air Force to a 77-57 victory over San Diego State on Monday night.

Air Force (17-11, 8-5 Mountain West) hit 13 three-pointers, including three straight in a key second-half stretch. The Falcons attempted 29 three-pointers and finished with more than 10 converted threes for the 12th time this season

Air Force struggled from the field in the first half, but shot 63 percent in the second half. The Aztecs, who led 33-30 at halftime, shot just 27.3 percent (6-for-22) in the final 20 minutes

Hood was 8-for-12 from the floor, including two

three-pointers, and six Falcons made three-point shots. Nick Welch finished with 13 points and Tim Keller had 12 to move into 12th place on Air Force's career scoring list with 1,092 points. Keller also played in his 113th game to become the Falcons' career leader.

Matt Thomas had a career-high 20 points for San Diego State (10-16, 4-9), which lost its fifth straight game.

Air Force made three straight three-pointers to take a 55-47 lead with 8:24 remaining in the game. The Aztecs did not get closer than eight points for the rest of the game.

Air Force hosts Wyoming on Saturday in its reg-



Air Force's Nick Welch had 13 points on 5-of-10 shooting on Monday night.

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"They came in here, and it was men against boys," said BC's Craig Smith who scored 22 points but was the only BC player in double figures.

The Eagles won their first 20 games and attained their highest ranking ever — No. 3 — before losing two of their past three games

Another sellout crowd came to say goodbye to the senior class, and Heisman Trophy winner Doug Flutie jammed with the band, playing the drums on "Johnny B. Goode." But even with a chance to clinch the conference title, BC

barely put up a fight.
Smith hit a jumper in the lane to make it 34-32 with 17:38 left. But Pittsburgh scored the next 11 points, getting consecutive putbacks from DeGroat to make it 45-32

With 5:47 left and BC trailing 59-45, Smith airballed one free throw and then meekly rolled his second off the back

of the rim And that convinced the Conte Forum crowd to head home try to beat the oncoming blizzard.

# Union, NHL governors hold separate meetings

BY IRA PODELL

The Associated Press

NEW YORK - If there are cracks within the players' association, they weren't evident Tuesday when the rank and file met for the first time since the NHL season was canceled.

"The so-called splinter faction in the union that is going a different direction has been drummed up by a lot of media members and people hoping a deal gets done St. Louis defenseman Chris Pronger said. "I can unequivocally say everyone is on board and understands the issues better.

The meeting lasted about three hours on Tuesday after beginning a night earlier with a dinner.

While more than 150 of the NHL's 700-plus players met in Toronto, the league's board of governors - representing all 30 teams — gathered in New York at the same hotel where commissioner

Gary Bettman imposed the lockout in September and wiped out the entire season two weeks ago. Both meetings were expected

to be informational, providing updates on what happened in the failed negotiations the past 5½ months. Union leaders scheduled another meeting for Wednesday in Toronto with player agents.

The board of governors meeting was the first since the start of the lockout. Alternate governors, comprised of general managers

and other executives, were also present in Manhattan.

Wayne Gretzky, the managing partner of the Phoenix Covotes was absent because he was with his ill mother in Ontario.

Gretzky and Pittsburgh Penguins player-owner Mario Lemieux took part in the last bargaining session with the union on Feb. 19 - three days after the season was wiped out - in an effort to uncancel the season. But they left disappointed that a deal wasn't in place.

Debate among the governors was expected to take place between hard-line owners who want a salary cap with a link between league revenues and player costs,

and those who just want a reason able deal in place that would allow for the NHL to get back on the ice next season.

In the final week before the sea son was canceled, owners agreed to drop their demand for linkage. In return, the union agreed to accept a salary cap but the sides failed to agree on a number.

There is no telling when play ers and owners will sit down at the bargaining table. The NHL would like to get talks started as quickly as possible so an agree ment can be reached in time for the draft to be held in June.

The union doesn't have much in centive to rush back into negotia-tions since the players aren't due to be paid again until October.

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Pittsburgh's Levon Kendall (14) refuses to let Boston College's Nate Doornekamp (13) control a rebound during the Panthers' 72-50 victory on Monday night. The Panthers outrebounded the Eagles 49-27 and outshot them 48 percent to 31 percent in their sixth consecutive win over BC.

# Pitt prevents BC from winning conference title

BY JIMMY GOLEN
The Associated Press

BOSTON — It's hard to tell which was the biggest problem for Boston College: Bad shooting, bad rebounding or bad karma.

No. 5 BC blew a chance to clinch the top seed in its final Big East tournament when it got trounced by No. 24 Pitisburgh 72-S0 on Monday night. The result was all too familiar for the Eagles, who have been parials in the league since deciding to leave for the Atlantic Coast Conference: Their football team also squandered a Big East title when it got blown out in its last conference home game.

"This game was extremely important to [Pittsburgh]. But it was important to us, too," BC coach Al Skinner said. "We had something to gain here. The motivation for them was fine, but that's no reason we should have allowed somethine like this to occur."

BC (23-3, 12-3 Big East) will still win the conference outright or share it if with a victory over Rutgers on Saturday. No. 15 Connecticut, which is a half-game behind BC, plays Georgetown on Wednesday and No. 13 Syracuse on Saturday.

Pittsburgh (19-7, 9-6) had been ranked as high as 10th in the AP poll this year, but three



Pittsburgh's Antonio Graves (22) had 13 points and five rebounds on Monday. The Panthers are in fifth place, the last spot for a first-round bye in the Big East tournament.

straight losses — the past two at home — had knocked it from 17th to 24th. That changed Pitt from a team worried about its NCAA seeding to one in danger of missing the tourna-

ment completely

The Panthers hold the fifth and last spot for a first-round bye. They will finish the regular season at Notre Dame on Saturday.

"This is the real Pittsburgh team right here. That's really how we play," guard Carl Krauser said. "Everyone knows the Pittsburgh team is tough."

John DeGroat had eight points and six rebounds in 10 second-half minutes to help Pitt beat BC for the sixth straight time — including three in the conference tournament. "They've got our number," BC forward

Jared Dudley said. "Pittsburgh's done it to us the last couple of years. They like playing against us."

The loss had a similar feel to the BC football finale, when the Eagles lost to Syracuse 47-17 to fall from the lucrative Fiesta Bowl to the Continental Tire Bowl. Like that one, this wasn't even close.

Antonio Graves had 13 points and five rebounds; Chris Taft had 12 and eight; Chevon Troutman had 11 and seven, and Krauser had 10 and eight for Pitt. The Panthers outrebounded the Eagles 49-27 — 27-10 in the second half—and outshot them 48 percent to 31 percent.

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